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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*
 FROM : Lish Whitson *LW*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: March 21, 1949

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"Eli Potash, was

"On 7/19/48 subject phoned Confidential Informant SF 1463. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that Jeremiah Feingold stocks various Russian art goods, books, music and literature. [redacted]

"Morris Saxton, manager of the Granada Theatre, Los Angeles telephonically contacted this office on 10/20/48 and advised that subject had contacted him re renting the theatre to show a Russian musical film... Saxton advised that he contacted Potash's home on 10/23 and was informed by woman who answered that Potash could be reached at [redacted] which telephone is that of Conf. Inf. [redacted]

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"Subject associating with Serge de Touloff, owner of "World in Music" store, 1507 North Western Ave., Los Angeles. In a letter to Soviet Consulate-10-31-47, De Touloff's wife, Gania, requested that her Soviet citizenship be reinstated and that she be permitted to return to Russia. The "World in Music" store has been subject of several complaints received by this Office to the effect that it may be cover for other activities. These suspicions appear to be based on fact that store does little business and that there appears to be considerable activity in room at rear of the building.

"#Ronksley, Los Angeles, 12/16/48, Re: EP, Int. Sec.-R." (No. 16)

Information Appearing in the Bureau's Report

The information set forth above is taken from the report of Special Agent Robert I. Ronksley dated December 16, 1948, at Los Angeles (Bureau file reference 100-358513-2), in the case entitled "Eli Potash, was; Internal Security - R." The above information in the data sheet was taken directly from this report. The informants listed in the data sheet are SF-1463, which is a technical surveillance on [REDACTED]

SF-1565 listed in the report is [REDACTED] an active informant of the San Francisco Office.

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] was a paid informant, [REDACTED] who is now deceased.

OBSERVATIONS:

If the above quoted data sheet were produced at the trial, Potash, the subject of this report, would know that [REDACTED] is a Bureau informant. This data sheet is also believed to be objectionable in view of the fact it

indicates that we had access to mail going to the Soviet Consulate in Los Angeles.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this data sheet not be used in view of the above. It is recommended that the report not be used.

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"Dr. Robert Lincoln Leslie

"Subject interviewed at NY office by writer and SA Wirth from 2:15 to 4:30 PM on 11/10/48. Interviewed in detail re identity and whereabouts of his family. Date of birth established as 12/9/95 at NY. Claimed not to know actual date of birth up to time of interview. Admitted that at time of passport application, he must have known he added to age but not knowing true age and with habit of stating birth as 1885, he used this date. Wife does not know this true birthdate. Leslie stated Russians refuse to cooperate with him in any way. He has written Embassy but received no reply re disposal of material. He said he is not in correspondence with Russians for over a year and has not received any communication from Russia. Said material used to come to him via diplomatic pouch. Re contacts with individual Russians, Leslie said that since departure of Fedotov and Fedosimov, he has had no contacts with any Russians. Knew Vladimir Byzkin. Never had any contact with Yakov Lomakin, of whom he had a very poor opinion. Leslie deplored the suspicious and hostile attitude of Russians and felt that the cause of friction between US and USSR lay with Russians. Said that he is now 'persona non grata' with the Russians, e.g., in 11/7/48 he, though not invited, accompanied Dr. Julius Hyman, to the Embassy's reception. While there, one of the Russians--Striganov--called Hyman aside and asked what he meant by bringing to the Embassy 'an Americanski agent.'

"Re Anatoli Gromov, Leslie said he had difficulty placing Gromov but believes he was one of the Russians several years ago for whom he made hotel reservations. Re Pavel Mikhailov, Leslie said his contacts with him only concerned receiving of American Soviet Medical Society material in the diplomatic pouch. Believes also, on occasion, wrote letters to Mikhailov recommending various persons for Russian visas. Said that his most important Russian contact was with Dr. Vladimir Lebendenko; Leslie's work with Lebend. concerned medicine and science. Leslie said Dr. Stuart Mudd's only interest is science and medicine, that at time of Mudd's visit

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"to Russia, Mudd not fully convinced that Russians were accomplishing much until he happened to see a blood machine, the same type which he and another American doctor had invented. The Russians had his and an enlarged and greatly improved model which they had devised. Leslie termed Mudd 'a good Republican'. Leslie mentioned that Sigerist was in Switzerland at present time. Leslie was very cooperative during the interview and was quite outspoken. He said he is not ashamed nor apologetic about any of his associates or contacts. He said he is personally a strong adherent of the American constitution and American principles, and he believes it inherent in our system to have the right to criticize. He reported that his previous CP voting registrations were evidence of his desire to criticize and protest. He offered all cooperation to the Bureau and said that his files are open to the Bureau at any time and that he will be pleased to provide any info in his possession at any time. Inasmuch as this investigation has not disclosed any indication of espionage activities, it is being closed subject to being reopened.

"Wirth, NY, 11/26/48, (Re: Dr. RLL, Int. Sec.-R)"

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Raymond P. Wirth dated November 26, 1948, at New York City, (Bureau file reference 100-306388-24) in the case entitled, "Dr. Robert Lincoln Leslie, was, Internal Security - R," sets forth the results of the interview of Leslie which includes the information appearing on the data sheet which are excerpts from various points of the report.

There are no Bureau informants used in this report.

OBSERVATIONS

This was a closing report in the investigation of Dr. Leslie which was based upon his close association with members of the USSR Consulate in New York City and his trip to Moscow.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the data sheet in this case be used and it is also recommended that if necessary the report in this case could be produced if absolutely essential.

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"Lidia Pavil De Pavigli (Tacconi)

"Source A has advised that subject, Piazza Donatello #25, Florence, Italy, is attempting to enter US. She applied in Florence for passport, attaching letter from William H. Sanders, former US soldier, who desires subject to enter US for purpose of marrying him. On 7/11/46 subject previously made effort to obtain Italian passport in order to represent firm of Pietro Bazzanti & Son, of Florence, in Los Angeles.

"Subject's departure from Italy opposed by Italian Intelligence authorities on grounds she was an enemy agent suspect. Passport denied her.

"During German occupation of Italy, subject was under surveillance of Italian Counter Intelligence and was suspected of espionage on behalf of Tito's Partisans. Was mistress of man employed by Allies as an undercover agent, who was suspected of being a double agent. At present time subject suspected of being agent of OZNA and is under surveillance.

"#Glascock, NY, 4/21/47, Re: Lidia Pavil De Pavigli (Tacconi), Int. Sec - R.

"William Henry Sanders, residing at 547 W. 123rd St., NYC, since 2/46.

"In 4/48 received letter from subject, postmarked Florence, Lawrence Francis Kent, who wrote affidavit of agreeability to support subject to prevent her from becoming ward of the state if her US entry is permitted, resided at 46 W. 73rd St., NYC, for approximately two years, departed from Mexico 6/27/48.

"# Nurney, 12/9/48, Re: L P D, Int. Sec. - R.

INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORTS

The report of Special Agent J. Harold Glascock dated April 21, 1947, at New York, (Bureau file reference 100-348010-47) in the case 949

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entitled, "Lidia Pavil De Pavigli (Tacconi), Internal Security - R," sets forth the following information which was the basis for a portion of the above data sheet.

"Reference Bureau letter states that Source A has advised that Lidia Pavil De Pavigli (Tacconi), Piazza Donatello #25, Florence, Italy, is attempting to enter the United States. She applied to the Questura in Florence, for a passport, attaching to her application a letter supposedly from William H. Sanders, 547 West 125th Street, Apartment 40 (?), New York, New York, who presumably was once a member of the United States Armed Forces. The letter states that Sanders desires the subject be permitted to enter the United States for the purpose of marrying him.

"On July 11, 1946, the subject previously made an effort to obtain an Italian passport. To this was attached a letter from S. A. Pietro Bazzanti & Son, of Florence, Italy, stating that the subject was commissioned to represent their firm in Los Angeles, California. She stated that the consent of her husband, Alberto Tacconi, was not necessary since she had been granted a legal separation by the Tribunale of Livorno on July 3, 1946, Decree Number 994.

"The records do not substantiate this decree and her proposed departure from Italy is opposed by Italian Intelligence authorities on the grounds that she was an enemy agent suspect. The passport was denied her.

"During German occupation of Italy De Pavigli was under surveillance of Italian Counter Intelligence and she was suspected of espionage on behalf of Tito's Partisans.

"On February 9, 1944 she was arrested and released through the intervention of a German officer by whom she was employed as an interpreter.

De Pavigli was the mistress of a man employed by the Allies as an undercover agent, who was suspected of actually being a double agent. At the present time the subject is suspected of being an agent of OZNA and is under surveillance."

The report of Special Agent William E. Nummy dated December 9, 1948, at New York City, (Bureau file reference 100-348010-8) in the same case sets forth the following information which was the basis for a

portion of the above data sheet.

"William Henry Sanders residing at 547 W. 123rd Street, NYC, since February 1946. In April 1948 he received a letter from Lidia Tacconi postmarked Florence, Italy. Lawrence F. Kent resided at 46 W. 73rd Street, NYC, for approximately two years, departed for Mexico 6/27/48 via automobile. Background data on Sanders and Kent set out. (synopsis of this report.)

A certain portion of the details of this report was also used and is set forth briefly below.

"The reference Bureau letter sets forth additional information received from source A. It was ascertained that Pavil DePavigli. (Tacconi) has in her possession:

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d. An affidavit of Agreeability by Lawrence F. Kent, 46 West 73rd Street, New York City, to support Lidia Tacconi to prevent her from becoming a ward of the state if her United States entry is permitted. (pages 1,2) "

OBSERVATIONS

Source A which appears in the data sheet is the United States Military Intelligence. It would not be possible to use this data sheet without clearing this matter with United States Army Intelligence.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this data sheet not be used. It is recommended that the reports not be used.

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"Michael Walden

"T-2 advised on 5/20/48 that Victor Afanasiev was in contact with subject and made arrangements to have dinner with him the following evening at 7. T-2 was present during conversation between subject and Constantine Eorneff on 5/25/48 in which subject discussed this meeting with Afanasiev and told Korneff 'We had visitors from San Fran. Had a lovely visit. If for the past years we had received as much warmth as he left with us now our souls would not be so heavy. T-2 has also been able to furnish info re a meeting between subject and Constantine Efremov shortly before closing of Russian Consulates. According to T-2, subj. met Efremov at St. Francis Hotel, Hollywood on 7/9/48. During meeting Efremov asked Michael to get in touch with Julian Brodetsky for him and have Brod. see him the following morning. Later on 7/9, it is known to this source that subject contacted Brod. According to T-2, the conversation between subject and Brod took place where others could have overheard the conversation and accordingly Michael took pains to cover up Efr.'s identity. As well as T-2 remembers, the conversation was: 'A cousin of mine is here from San Fran staying at the St. Francis. He expressed desire to see you. I suggest you call him tomorrow before 10.' T-2 also knew that on 7/10 Brod. got together with Michael again before he went to Efr. and then reported to subject after he'd been Efr. He reported that he felt much better mentally after his meeting with Efr.

"T-2 has furnished info over the past four months which would indicate that Michael and Clara Walden active in 9th Section of L. A. County CP.

"#Brown, LA, 1/13/49 Re: MW and Clara W.

Information Appearing in Bureau Report

The information appearing in this data sheet is in accord substantially

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with the information appearing in the Bureau report, which is the report of Special Agent Lloyd W. Brown dated January 19, 1949, at Los Angeles (Bureau file reference 100-51620-59), in the case entitled, "Michael Alexander Bornstein Walden, was; Clara Walden, was; Internal Security - R."

OBSERVATIONS:

The Informant T-2 in the above abstract is LA RD-54, which is a technical surveillance on Michael Walden, 2635 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles. In view of the fact that this source is set forth as the basis for the information regarding various different contacts of Walden, it is felt that by the production of this data sheet at the trial, this source might be revealed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the data sheet not be used and it is recommended that under no circumstances should the report be produced at the trial.

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"Boris Atanasoff Evanoff Gougoff, was. Jack Evanoff, Jack Evans, Boris Atanasoff, etc.

"Source A stated subject a Bulgarian citizen in Los Angeles, recently met Tseko Etropolsky, Bulgarian Second Secy, Bulg. Legation and representative of Bulgarian CP. Informant revealed subject worked with Etr in Bulgarian Intelligence matters on West Coast and in Aug. 1948 subject living with Etr. in Wash. Etropolsky had arranged to supply subject with letter from Legation to effect that subject was acting in capacity of diplomatic courier and requesting all foreign governments to extend to him all possible aid regardless of fact that person not in possession of diplomatic passport nor would he in any way qualify as courier. This action of Etr. most unusual, Source A stated. It is conceivable that the pouch which Etr. is preparing for subject to take back to Bulgaria may include reports to the govt by both Dr. Mevorah and Etr. which they would not have trusted to the ordinary mail.

"Files of Los Angeles Office reveal subject previously came to attention of LA Office in case re "ATANAS SIMOFF KATCHAMAKOFF", Espionage-R, in which LA is office of origin of a pending investigation. On 12/30/47 Source B revealed that Katchamakoff while in conversation with an unidentified woman was asked whether or not he knew Boris Atanasov. Katch. stated he wanted to talk to Boris re some medicines Subject reported on 10/5/48 to have reached Sofia.

"#Ronksley, Los Angeles, 12/3/48, Re: BAEG, was, Int. Sec. IR I
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Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Robert I. Ronksley dated December 5, 1948, at Los Angeles (Bureau file reference 100-357669-7) in the case entitled "Boris Atanassoff Evanoff Gougoff, was; Internal Security - R (Bulgarian)," contains the information quoted above. The information appearing on the data sheet was taken from the following quoted portion of this report:

"Source A revealed by referenced teletype that GOUGOFF was a Bulgarian citizen whose residence was 141 North Avenue 64, Los Angeles, and that he recently met TSEKO ETROPOLSKY, Bulgarian Second Secretary of the Bulgarian Legation and representative of the Bulgarian Communist Party. The informant revealed that GOUGOFF worked with ETROPOLSKY in Bulgarian Intelligence matters on the West Coast and that at the time of the teletype the subject was in Washington, D. C., residing with ETROPOLSKY.

"In addition, Source A revealed that the Bulgarian Legation was utilizing the services of the subject as a courier and that the subject was to depart from Washington, D. C., to Bulgaria with a diplomatic pouch reported to contain reports of the Bulgarian Intelligence set-up in the United States.

"On or about August 10, BORIS ATANASSOFF appeared in Washington and called at the Legation. It was revealed that he had been in close touch with ETROPOLSKY ever since the latter's visit to Los Angeles and that ETROPOLSKY had made all arrangements regarding reservations for a trip to Bulgaria for him. ETROPOLSKY had also arranged to supply the subject with a letter from the Legation to the effect that he was acting in the capacity of a diplomatic courier and requesting all foreign governments to extend to him all possible aid regardless of the fact that this person was not in possession of a diplomatic passport nor would he in any way qualify as a courier. This action of ETROPOLSKY was considered most unusual, Source A stated. While in Washington, GOUGOFF stayed in the apartment of ETROPOLSKY and was a constant visitor at the Legation, where efforts were made to procure for him the necessary transit visas for his trip to Bulgaria. Naturally, Source A stated, the various Embassies in Washington refused to recognize his status of a diplomatic courier, and he encountered considerable difficulties in obtaining the necessary transit visas. It was revealed that he obtained visas from the Yugoslav and the Czech Embassies.

"It is Source A's impression that the subject has for a great many years associated himself with the progressive (Communist) element among the Bulgarian groups in this country, and definitely has established a good reputation among them. ETROPOLSKY met him during his visit to Los Angeles and evidently considers him sufficiently trustworthy to entrust him with a pouch of diplomatic mail. ATANASSOFF is of advanced age and has been in this country for approximately 40 years. It is conceivable that the pouch which ETROPOLSKY is preparing for ATANASSOFF to take back to Bulgaria may include reports to the government by both Dr. MEVORAH and ETROPOLSKY which they would not have trusted to the ordinary mail. (page 9)

"The files of the Los Angeles Office reveal that the subject of this case previously came to the attention of the Los Angeles Office in the case entitled "ATANAS SIMOFF KATCHAMAKOFF, Espionage - R," in which Los Angeles is the office of origin of a pending investigation. KATCHAMAKOFF was born January 31, 1898 in Lescovetz, Bulgaria, and presently resides at 8530 Louise Avenue, Northridge, California.

"On December 30, 1947, Source B revealed that KATCHAMAKOFF, while in conversation with an unidentified woman, was asked whether or not he knew Boris ATANASSOV who recently arrived in Los Angeles from San Francisco and resides at 141 North Avenue 64, telephone CLEVELAND 63535. KATCHAMAKOFF stated that he wanted to talk to BORIS about some medicines which he has for the Bulgarian government. Source B then revealed that KATCHAMAKOFF attempted to contact BORIS at CLEVELAND 63535 at which time he was advised that the subject did not reside at that address and could not be reached. (pages 4-5)

"On October 5, 1948, Source C advised that at a meeting of the Bulgarian Mutual Aid Society he had learned that on the previous day a letter from the subject, in which he stated he had been released by the French authorities and had proceeded to Sofia, Bulgaria, had been received by MIKE KOSTOFF of Rosemead, California. (page 14)"

Bureau Informants' Identities

Source A, set forth above, is confidential informant [redacted]
[redacted]

Source B is Confidential Informant LA RD-49, which is a technical surveillance on Atnas Simoff Katchamakoff. This technical surveillance is no longer in effect.

The information appearing in the last sentence of the data sheet in the report is attributed to Source C who is [redacted]
[redacted] who requested that his identity be kept confidential.

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OBSERVATIONS:

This investigation involves an individual who was believed to have [redacted]
and the investigation concerning him is no longer active. We do have an active investigation on Tseko Etropolsky who is named in the data sheet.

RECOMMENDATION:

While the data sheet could be used at the trial without endangering our informants, it would endanger our current investigation on Etropolsky. It is recommended that neither the data sheet nor the Bureau report be produced at the trial.

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"Eugenio Chavez

"EP T-1, advised that subject employed as barber at White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico. Informant of opinion that subject never intended going to Los Alamos but instead to White Sands. Informant advised that subject requested that none of his Communist friends contact him in El Paso because he was afraid of being watched. Informant stated that it was expected that subject would be able to get photos and other info re the activities of the White Sands Proving Grounds and that if this were done, such info would be subsequently transmitted to the Russian Embassy in Mexico, DF. Informant not aware of proposed method of transmission.

"#Johns, El Paso, Texas, 11/18/48, Re: Eugenio Chavez, was, E. Orta, Eugenio Orta, Espionage-R; Security Matters-C." (No. 23)

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Frederick A. Johns dated November 18, 1948, at El Paso, Texas (Bureau file reference 65-58197-3), in the case entitled "Eugenio Chavez, was; Espionage - R; Security Matters - C," is the basis for the above-quoted abstract. The information appearing in the Bureau's report is set forth below:

"EP T-1, a reliable confidential informant, advised that this subject was employed as a barber at the White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, located some 40 miles north of El Paso, Texas.

"This informant further stated that he now was of the opinion that the subject never intended to go to Los Alamos, New Mexico, but instead to White Sands which was near the town of Alamogordo, New Mexico. It

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appeared to this informant that confusion existed in that the name Los Alamos was mistaken for the name Alamogordo.

"EP T-1 further advised that the subject had requested that none of his Communist friends contact him in El Paso, Texas, because both he and his family were at White Sands and he was afraid of being watched. This informant further stated that it was expected that the subject would be able to get photographs and other information regarding the activities of the White Sands Proving Grounds and that if this were done, such information would be subsequently transmitted to the Russian Embassy in Mexico, D. F.

"This informant was not aware of the proposed method of transmission." (pages 1-2)

Bureau Informant's Identity

The informant used in the report as EP T-1 is [redacted] This individual is [redacted] This informant's information, as appearing in the report, according to information on the informant page, came from statements made by Jesus Onate, a reported organizer of the Communist Party in Juarez, Mexico. On September 30, 1948, Onate [redacted]
[redacted]

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OBSERVATIONS:

This is believed to be a good data sheet to use as this case relates to an investigation of a Communist and possible Soviet Agent who, according to the informant, was attempting to get information regarding atomic research at White Sands Proving Grounds. The report might also be produced if absolutely necessary but it is believed we should first check with El Paso to determine if this would reveal the informant's identity.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the data sheet could be used. It is recommended that prior to producing the report, we should check on this matter with the El Paso Office in order to determine if it would endanger the informant's identity.

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"This report predicated on info received from T-1 that subjects (especially Irina), were extremely friendly with officials of Russian Consulate, NYC. On 9/29/45, Irina conferred with Pavel Mikhailov, at Consulate, stating that she wanted him to know that she was always ready to help him as much as she could and in whatever way he might require. (Bureau emphasis).

"Murphy, NYC, 5/29/46, Re: IEA etc., Int. Sec.-R, Refer 5 IS

"Bernard Koten, Research Director of American Russian Institute, is friend and contact of William Hermann Eckart Johnson and his wife Annette F. Johnson, who are employed at present on the Secret Russian Desk of the War Dpt, Washington, DC and who are suspected of giving out info to the NKVD.

"Murphy, 9/5/46

"Additional data received re subject Irina further indicating she may be Russian espionage agent. One anonymous letter indicates she acted as Russian agent in Yugo and Austria prior to coming to US and that she caused her first husband, a Russian officer, to be executed.

"Murphy, 5/12/47

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"Irina corresponded with one Major Karl Nurk, British Army, who was stationed with British Military Mission in Bulgaria in Oct. 1945.

"#Murphy, 10/7/47

"On 11/28/47, [] advised that Milica Banac, a wealthy widow of Serbian descent who lives in Hampshire House, recently contacted the Croation sculptor Mestrovic, endeavored to persuade him to return to Yugo. Banac allegedly informed Mestrovic that Irina Aleksander has a big job here, is very powerful and that 'they all should be very careful not to get in trouble with her.' [] advised that previously Metrovic had been approached in this regard by Irina and by Sime Balen.

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"#Murphy, 2/11/48

"Vera Sandomirsky Dunham, friend of Irina's. In June 1945, [] contacted Bureau and reported that Vera and her husband Henry Warren Dunham had suspicious meetings at their home. U.S. Army officers, as many as six or seven, would appear at the Dunham home, all carrying brief cases.

[] stated that approximately once a month, an unknown civilian, appearing to be a foreigner, attended the gatherings at the Dunham residence; when this individual appeared, great secrecy was maintained at the house, all curtains drawn. Such precautions not taken at other gatherings.

"#Letcher, Wash., DC. 4/1/48"

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Information Appearing in the Bureau Reports

The report of Special Agent John R. Murphy, dated May 29, 1946, at New York City, (Bureau file reference 100-345105-1), in the case entitled "Irina (Iraida) Efimovna Aleksander, was; Internal Security - R; Refer 5 IS," is the source of a portion of the above-quoted data sheet. The portion of the information which appears in this report is set forth below:

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"This report is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant T-1 to the effect that the subjects and especially subject, IRINA EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, were extremely friendly with officials of the Russian Consulate at 7 East 61 Street, New York City. (page 2)

"Again on September 29, 1945, Mrs. ALEKSANDER conferred with MIKHAILOV, stating that she would like to see him. MIKHAILOV begged off, advising that he was very busy now due to Marshal ZHUKOV's arrival. MIKHAILOV then inquired about the health of Mrs. ALEKSANDER's husband, BOZHIDAR. Then Mrs. ALEKSANDER stated to MIKHAILOV that she wanted him to know that she was always ready to help him as much as she could and in whatever way he might require." (Page 4)

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The report of Special Agent John R. Murphy, dated September 5, 1946, in New York City, (Bureau file reference 100-345105-9), in the case entitled "Irina (Iraida) Efimovna Aleksander, was; Internal Security - R; Refer 5 IS," is the source of a portion of the above-quoted data sheet. The portion of the information which appears in this report is set forth below:

"RE: BERNARD L. KOTEN

"On July 31, 1946, Confidential Informant T-6 advised that BERNARD L. KOTEN [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] that he could be reached at the telephone number Plaza 9-6826, which is listed to IRINA and BOZHIDAR ALEKSANDER. KOTEN is Research Director of the American Russian Institute in New York and is known to have been in Russia from 1932 to 1937, allegedly engaged in the training of Russian Secret Service Agents. KOTEN is also a friend and contact of WILLIAM HERMANN ECKART JOHNSON and his wife, ANNETTE F. JOHNSON, who are presently employed on the Secret Russian Desk of the War Department, Washington, D.C. and who are suspected of giving out information to the Russian N.K.V.D. " (page 16)

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The report of Special Agent John R. Murphy, dated May 12, 1947, at New York City, (Bureau file reference 100-345105-23), in the case entitled "Irina (Iraida) Efimovna Aleksander, was; Internal Security - R; Refer 5 IS," is the source of a portion of the above-quoted data sheet. The portion of the information which appears in this report is set forth below:

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"Additional data received from informants concerning Subject IRINA ALEKSANDER further indicates she may be a Russian espionage agent. One anonymous letter received indicates she acted as a Russian agent in Yugoslavia and Austria prior to coming to the US and that she caused her first husband, a Russian officer, to be executed. IRINA ALEKSANDER suffered a nervous collapse in 2/47 and was hospitalized as a result. Indications are that she and her husband, BOZHIDAR, will return to Yugoslavia in May 1947 for a summer visit. BOZHIDAR ALEKSANDER continues his employment as legal advisor, Trusteeship Council. Mail cover results set forth and some correspondents identified." (Synopsis of report)

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The report of Special Agent John R. Murphy, dated October 7, 1947, at New York City, (Bureau file reference 100-345105-30), in the case entitled, "Irina (Iraida) Efimovna Aleksander, was; Internal Security - R; Refer 5 IS," is the source of a portion of the above-quoted data sheet. The portion of the information which appears in this report is set forth below:

"Subjects IRINA and BOZHIDAR ALEKSANDER visited Italy, France, Yugoslavia and probably Russia between 8/2/47 and 9/23/47. Highly confidential source advised on 9/18/47 that IRINA ALEKSANDER's latest book "THIS IS RUSSIA" has been published and will be marketed in 9/47. Same source furnished list of acquaintances of both subjects and of NADA GLAZER, a Toronto acquaintance now living in New York City. The same source furnished voluminous correspondence between IRINA ALEKSANDER and numerous individuals in French, Russian, Italian, Serbo-Croatian, German and English languages. IRINA ALEKSANDER known to have corresponded with one Major KARL NURK, British Army, who was stationed with the British Military Mission in Bulgaria in October 1945. Mail cover results set forth. Additional background data on subjects, obtained from confidential source, also set out." (Synopsis of report)

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The report of Special Agent John R. Murphy, dated February 11, 1948, at New York City, (Bureau file reference 100-345105-35), in the case entitled "Irina (Iraida) Efimovna Aleksander, was; Internal Security - R; Refer 5 - IS," is the source of a portion of the above-quoted data sheet. The portion of the information which appears in this report is set forth below:

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"On November 28, 1947, Confidential Informant [] furnished additional information concerning subject IRINA ALEKSANDER. He stated that MILICA BANAC, a wealthy widow of Serbian descent who lives in the Hampshire House, had recently contacted IVAN MESTROVIC, a Croatian sculptor now teaching at Syracuse University. She endeavored to persuade MESTROVIC to return to Yugoslavia. In her discussion Mrs. BANAC allegedly informed MESTROVIC that IRINA ALEKSANDER has a big job here, is very powerful and that 'they all should be very careful not to get in trouble with her.'

[] advised that previously MESTROVIC had been approached in this regard by Mrs. ALEKSANDER and by SIME BALEN. [] explained that MESTROVIC is a noted sculptor and his return to Yugoslavia after living in the United States would be valuable propaganda." (page 2)

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The report of Special Agent J. Clifford Letcher, dated April 1, 1948, at Washington, D. C., (Bureau file reference 100-345105-37), in the case entitled "Irina (Iraida) Efimovna Aleksander, was, etal; Internal Security - R; Refer 5 - IS," is the source of a portion of the above-quoted data sheet. The portion of the information which appears in this report is set forth below:

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"The files of this office reflect that on June 8, 1945, [] contacted this office. He advised that HENRY BOZHIDAR DUNHAM resided [] at 5001 17th Street, North, Arlington, since about July 31, 1944.

"Shortly after DUNHAM moved in, [] observed that Army and Navy officers made frequent visits to the DUNHAM house under what [] termed suspicious circumstances. He noted that the officers ranged in rank from Lieutenants to Colonels and at times as many as six or seven would appear at the house all carrying brief cases. They engaged in parties which lasted throughout the night and sometimes into the following morning.

[] stated that DUNHAM's wife is supposed to be of Russian descent.

"He stated that approximately once a month, an unknown individual in civilian clothes, appearing to be a foreigner, attended the gatherings at the DUNHAM residence. [] stated that when this individual appeared, great secrecy was maintained at the house and all curtains were drawn. Such precautions were not taken at other gatherings.

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[] believed that the meetings were being held for the purpose of securing or furnishing information which is obtained from members of the armed forces and stated that in his opinion, the purpose of the meetings was not purely social." (pp 1, 2)

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Bureau Informants' Identities

Confidential Informant T-1. in the report of Special Agent John R. Murphy, dated May 29, 1946, is []

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Confidential Informant [] whose symbol is set forth in the data sheet, which was taken from the report of Special Agent John R. Murphy, dated February 11, 1948, at New York City, is identical with [] who has acted as a confidential informant of the New York Office over a considerable period of time.

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OBSERVATIONS

It is not believed that this data sheet can be used safely inasmuch as it would prejudice a number of other investigations. Furthermore, it is assumed that [] who furnished us certain information and whose name is mentioned in the data sheet, furnished us the information in confidence.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the data sheet not be used and that the reports should not be used.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*
 FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: March 21, 1949

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When Judith Coplon was arrested on March 4, 1949, in New York City, she had 34 data sheets of the Foreign Agents Registration Section in her possession. Consideration is being given as to which of these data sheets can be used at the trial. One of the data sheets concerns the investigation of the case set forth below:

INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE DATA SHEETS"Novaya Zarya

"On Sept. 6, 1946, Jacob Lomakin, former Consul General at San Francisco at this time stationed in N.Y. City, was in touch with Efremov, Russian Consul General in San Francisco, regarding the telegram he had received. He asked Efremov to check with Soohoff, publisher of Novaya Zarya, regarding it. While waiting for the information to be checked Lomakin inquired of Efremov as to Soohoff and stated that when he, Lomakin, was in San Francisco he did not support Soohoff. Efremov informed him that Soohoff is all right. This information was obtained from Source E. Lomakin was Consul General in San Francisco in 1943 and 1944.

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp at San Francisco, p.8. File 149-06-2-12."

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"On September 18, 1947, Source I, while being interviewed on another matter, stated to Agents of this office that he had been told by Panfil Fedorovich Tesluok, a prominent real estate broker active in local White Russian circles who has handled real estate transactions with officials of the Russian Consulate, that [redacted]

[redacted] Source I further advised that Olga Nikolaevna Artemoff, wa.. Olga Levinson, had told him [redacted]

[redacted] It is to be noted that Miss Artemoff is the subject of an 'Internal Security - R' case and to date extensive investigation has not located her. Miss Artemoff stated [redacted]

[redacted] This informant related that the editor of this newspaper, G. T. Soohoff, [redacted]

[redacted] is described as an opportunist and a 'rat' who would sell himself to the highest bidder. He feels that Soohoff is not a sincere Communist but is merely willing to be used by the Soviets in order to obtain money from them. Miss Artemoff told the informant that [redacted]

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[REDACTED] Source I related that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It will be noted that this concurs with the statement attributed to Tesluck regarding the relationship between the newspaper and the Consulate.

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp at San Francisco, pp. 10-11. File No. 149-06-2-12."

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"On Aug. 13, 1948 Source O was interviewed by Sp. Agts. Fred R. Elledge and Richard H. Nelson at the San Fran. office. Source O stated that he is a part-time employee for the Russian language newspaper 'Russian Life' and occasionally contributes news articles to this paper. This informant allegedly is well aware of many of the activities of the pro-Russian element in the San Fran. area. During the interview informant stated it was his opinion the newspaper Novaya Zarya is financed by the San Fran. Russian Consulate. He stated he had no way of proving this but did say he was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As a possible means of obtaining information concerning subsidizing of Novaya Zarya by the Russian Consulate, Source O suggested an approach might be made to one N. Yazykov who is employed at Novaya Zarya. He stated from what he knew of Yazykov the latter was working for the newspaper solely for the money he received and had no ideological background or beliefs concerning Soviet propaganda. This informant related that Peter Drosdoff could probably furnish pertinent information on Novaya Zarya and Mr. and Mrs. Sochoff. The files of this office reflect only that Nikolai Yazykov is the author of several write-ups pertaining to his interviews with prominent individuals in White Russian circles. These articles have been printed this year in Novaya Zarya.

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 at San Francisco by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp, p.12 File No. 149-06-2-12."

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"On Oct. 11, 1948, Source L, [redacted] and presently active in San Francisco White Russian social circles, was interviewed on another matter by Spec. Agts. E. Ray Miller and Fred R. Elledge of the San Fran. office. During the interview Source L. made the statement that he believed Novaya Zarya is subsidized by the Soviet government and that about fifteen years ago he saw a check on Soohoff's desk in the amount of \$1500.00 made out by the Russian Consulate of San Francisco. b7D

"FBI report dated 12-15-48 at San Francisco by Sp. Agt. Wesley G. Grapp, p. 13. File No. 149-06-2-12."

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INFORMATION APPEARING IN THE BUREAU'S REPORT

The report of Special Agent Wesley G. Grapp dated December 15, 1948, at San Francisco, (Bureau file reference 100-25845-7) in the case entitled, "Novaya Zarya, aka Russian Daily Morning News, Registration Act, Internal Security - R," is the basis for the information appearing in the above data sheets. The portions of this report which were the basis for the data sheets are quoted below:

"Source E advised that on August 29, 1946, Mrs. Soohoff was in contact with Khrameev at which time she questioned him as to whether or not Konstantin Alekseevich Efremov, Consul General, would appear at the Russian Center. Khrameev at that time told her Efremov was not invited to speak there although a copy of the program was received at the Consulate. As a matter of fact he assured her Efremov will not be in town Saturday as he had a previous invitation to go out of town.

"On September 6, 1946, Jacob Lomakin, former Consul General at San Francisco at this time stationed in New York City, was in touch with Efremov, Russian Consul General in San Francisco regarding the telegram he had received. He asked Efremov to check with Soohoff, publisher of Novaya Zarya, regarding it. While waiting for the information to be checked Lomakin inquired of Efremov as to Soohoff and stated that when he, Lomakin, was in San Francisco he did not support Soohoff. Efremov informed him that Soohoff is all right. This information was obtained from Source E. Lomakin was Consul General in San Francisco in 1943 and 1944.

"On September 18, 1947, Source I, while being interviewed on another matter, stated to Agents of this office that he had been told by Panfil Fedorovich Tesluck, a prominent real estate broker active in local White Russian circles who has handled real estate transactions with officials of the Russian Consulate, that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] Source I further advised that Olga Nikolaevna Artemoff, wa... Olga Levinson, had [redacted]

[redacted] It is to be noted that Miss Artemoff is the subject of an 'Internal Security - R' case and to date extensive investigation has not located her. Miss Artemoff stated [redacted]

[redacted] This informant related that the editor of this newspaper, G. T. Soohoff, [redacted]

[redacted] is described as an opportunist and a 'rat' who would sell himself to the highest bidder. He feels that Soohoff is not a sincere Communist but is merely willing to be used by the Soviets in order to obtain money from them. Miss Artemoff told the informant that [redacted]

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BUREAU INFORMANTS' IDENTITIES

The informant Source E is [redacted] which was [redacted] Source I in this report was [redacted] Source O in this report was [redacted] who has been used as a confidential informant by the San Francisco Office. Source L in this report is [redacted] [redacted] a source of information of the San Francisco Office.

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OBSERVATIONS

It is believed that the data sheets which were identified by the New York Agent as numbers 26, 28, and 29 could be used without endangering the Bureau's security as long as the report was not produced. The data sheet identified as number 27, which relates to the Olga Artemoff case which is a pending espionage case wherein we are attempting to develop two double agents should not be used under any circumstances. Following the same reasoning the report should never be produced in court.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that items 26, 28 and 29 could be used. Item 27 could not be used and the report could not be used.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HB*
 FROM : Lish Whitson *LW*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: March 21, 1949

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When Judith Coplon was arrested on March 4, 1949, in New York City, she had 34 data sheets of the Foreign Agents Registration Section in her possession. Consideration is being given as to which of these data sheets can be used at the trial. Two of the data sheets concerned the investigation of the case set forth below:

Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry

Kramar
 Industrial Operations, Inc.
 Anthony Fried
 Karel Kalina
 Overseas Mercantile, Inc.
 Omnipol, Ltd. in Prague

"Kramar stated to the informant (T-2) that his present employer is actually the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry which is a holding company and controls the Industrial Operations, Inc. of which Kramar is Vice President and General Manager. Anthony Fried is the President and Karel Kalina is Vice President.

"The informant reported that Kramar explained that the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry owns the Omnipol, Ltd. in Prague, Czechoslovakia which company owns the Overseas Mercantile, Inc., in NYC. The Overseas Mercantile, Inc. is headed by Karel Kalina and in turn controls the Industrial Operations, Inc.

"The informant reports that Kramar has stated that since his arrival in the U.S. the Industrial Operations, Inc. has sold 1,000 motorbikes for a total of \$200,000. In addition, they are presently negotiating with the Indian Motorcycle Co. for the sale of 5,000 motorbikes.

"FBI report dated 2/17/48 at N.Y. by Sp. Asst. Rudolph V. Gliniak, pp. 4-5
 File No. 146-1-51-1555."

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"The (Immigration) file further contained a letter dated Nov. 20, 1947 at Prague, Czechoslovakia from the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works, a national corporation, signed by Anthony Fried, Senior Deputy

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Director General, which letter stated that Kramar is Acting Vice President of Industrial Operations, Inc. which company represents the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works in the United States. The letter also asked that favorable consideration be given to the application for extension of visa.

"Conf. Informant T-4 advised that Fried is Deputy General Manager of the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works in Prague, which is a nationalized engineering industry. He is further described as a business man of considerable talent and experience, but unscrupulous and politically a careerist. He is stated to have become a member of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia soon after his return to Czechoslovakia in the autumn of 1945. He is the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation by the N. Y. office." (No. 31 page 2)

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"Kramar Fabinger

"In connection with obtaining his present employment, Kramar advised the informant (T-2) that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Fabinger, according to Kramar, is an intellectual Communist. Kramar stated, according to the informant, that Fabinger arranged his present business connections. According to the informant, Kramar further explained that [redacted]

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[redacted] According to the informant, Kramar claimed that he is anti-Communist and wants to remain in the U. S.

"FBI report dated 2-17-48 at New York by Sp. Agt. Rudolph V. Gliniak, p.5. File No. 146-1-51-1555." (No. 32)

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Rudolph V. Gliniak dated February 17, 1948, at New York (Bureau file reference 100-353443-3), in the case entitled "Branko Kramar, with alias Bronko Kramar; Internal Security - R," is the basis for the above-quoted information. The information appearing on these data sheets was taken from the following quoted portions of this report:

(Data Sheets Nos. 31)

"KRAMAR stated to the informant that his present employer is actually the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry which is a holding company and controls the Industrial Operations, Inc. of which KRAMAR is Vice President and General Manager. ANTHONY FRIED is the President and KAREL KALINA is Vice President.

"The informant reported that KRAMAR explained that the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry owns the Omnipol, Ltd. in Prague, Czechoslovakia, which company owns the Overseas Mercantile, Inc., in New York City. The Overseas Mercantile, Inc. is headed by KAREL KALINA and in turn controls the Industrial Operations, Inc.

"The informant reports that KRAMAR has stated that since his arrival in the United States the Industrial Operations, Inc. has sold 1,000 motorbikes for a total of \$200,000. In addition, they are presently negotiating with the Indian Motorcycle Company for the sale of 5,000 motorbikes.

"The file further contained a letter dated November 20, 1947, at Prague, Czechoslovakia, from the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works, a national corporation, signed by ANTHONY FRIED, Senior Deputy Director General, which letter stated that KRAMAR is Acting Vice President of Industrial Operations, Incorporated, which company represents the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works in the United States. The letter also asked that favorable consideration be given to the application for extension of visa.

"Confidential Informant T-4 advised that FRIED is Deputy General Manager of the Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Works in Prague, which is a nationalized engineering industry. He is further described as a business man of considerable talent and experience, but unscrupulous and politically a careerist. He is stated to have become a member of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia soon after his return to Czechoslovakia

in the Autumn of 1945. He is the subject of an Internal Security - R investigation by the New York Office.

(Data Sheet No. 32)

"In connection with obtaining his present employment, KRAMAR advised the informant that [redacted]

[redacted] FABINGER, according to KRAMAR, is an intellectual Communist. KRAMAR stated, according to the informant, that FABINGER arranged his present business connections.

"According to the informant, KRAMAR further explained that [redacted]

[redacted] According to the informant, KRAMAR claimed that he is anti-Communist and wants to remain in the United States." (page 5)

OBSERVATIONS:

The informant in the above two abstracts was [redacted]

[redacted] Therefore, ordinarily, it is not believed that we could use this data sheet. However, at a later date, [redacted] arranged for us to interview Kramar, at which time Kramar was cooperative and furnished us substantially the same information [redacted] The New York Office, in reporting this information in their teletype dated March 6, 1948, stated they intended to maintain contact in the future with Kramar. In view of this it may be possible to use these data sheets.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the data sheets be used. It is recommended the report not be used.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HB*
 FROM : Lish Whitson *LW*
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
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DATE: March 21, 1949

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Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"Nicholas George Nicholas, w/a Yugoslav Embassy

"Subject reported performing liaison activities with Yugoslav Embassy Officials, Wash., D. C. Continues active and influential in Yugoslav activities locally. Makes frequent visits to Pittsburgh, Pa., in connection with affairs of C.F.U. Investigation at Durham, California, reflects subject and George Druzianich are part owners of almond orchard. Checking account maintained at Chico, California. No bank account maintained in Mountain View, Calif., by subject at present time. Results of mail covers set forth.

"FBI report of 10-12-48 at San Francisco, by Sp. Agt. Edward Dornlas, Jr., p. 1. File No. 146-1-11-324." (No. 33)

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent Edward Dornlas, Jr., dated October 12, 1948, at San Francisco (Bureau file reference 100-175912-25), in the case entitled "Nicholas George Nicholas, was; Internal Security - C," is the basis for the above-quoted abstract. The material in the above abstract is identical with the synopsis of this report.

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OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the fact that the data sheet does not attribute the information to any informant, it is believed that it could easily be used. It is noted that the report could be produced at the trial in view of the fact that a considerable portion of the information appearing in the report comes from Confidential Informant Z which is a highly confidential source reporting on correspondence received in

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this case by the [redacted] If the report was produced
it is believed that the [redacted] would become aware of our use of
this type of a source.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the data sheet can be used but it is recom-
mended that under no circumstances should the report be produced.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

DATE: March 21, 1949

FROM: Lish Whitson *LW*SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

When Judith Coplon was arrested on March 4, 1949, in New York City, she had 34 data sheets of the Foreign Agents Registration Section in her possession. Consideration is being given as to which of these data sheets can be used at the trial. One of the data sheets concerned the investigation of the case set forth below:

Information Appearing on the Data Sheet

"In Bureau interview Pezzola admitted writing letter 3/8/48 to 'Dear Joseph' and signed Dick, which letter indicated P associated with an org. sending reps to various parts of the world. P now admits that entire letter fabrication, written to impress three fellow employees of the Arabian-American Oil Co. with P's connections with a non-existent underground pro-Israel anti-capitalist group; by this means P wanted to impress his three associates with the extent of his own liberal philosophy.

"#Todd, San Fran, 1/21/49, Re:MJP, Int. Sec-R"

(No. 34)

Information Appearing in the Bureau Report

The report of Special Agent David E. Todd, dated January 21, 1949, (Bureau file reference 100-355621-31) at San Francisco, in the case entitled "Mario Joseph Pezzola, was; Internal Security - R," is the basis for the above-quoted information.

The above data sheet is taken almost in its entirety from the synopsis of this report. The only addition made was the identification of the fact that it was a Bureau interview.

OBSERVATIONS

This report is mainly the setting forth of the results of an interview with Pezzola. It is not believed that the use of this data sheet or the report would prejudice the use of Bureau techniques or Bureau informants.

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Mr. H. B. Fletcher

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the data sheet could be used and that, if necessary, the report could be produced.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. RE PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS ADVISING BUREAU
TRIAL DATE INSTANT MATTER NYC SET FOR APRIL FIRST. NY WILL PREPARE
PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY. DISCUSSION WAS HAD WITH SAAG DONEGAN WHO STATED
IT APPEARED TO HIM THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL WOULD BE NECESSARY EVIDENCE
IN TRIAL IN ADDITION TO TESTIMONY RE PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCES, SEARCHES
AND ARREST.--①THE ORIGINAL FBI REPORTS SENT TO DEPT. WHICH WERE SUM-
MARIZED ON ABSTRACT SLIPS IN COPLON'S POSSESSION ②ORIGINALS OR COPIES
OF ABSTRACTS IN HER POSSESSION ③COPIES OF PLANTED DOCUMENT RELATING
TO NEEDLEMAN AS WELL AS KNOWN HANDWRITING SPECIMEN OF COPLON AND ITS
IDENTIFICATION WITH HANDWRITING ON NEEDLEMAN DOCUMENT, ④IDENTIFICATION
OF TYPEWRITING ON ABSTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN COPLON'S POSSESS-
ION, ⑤THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE COPY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN PAGE FBI
INTELLIGENCE REPORT WHICH COPLON MENTIONED AS NOT BEING ABLE TO
OBTAIN, ⑥DEPT. WITNESS OR WITNESSES WHO WILL TESTIFY AS TO NATURE OF
COPLON'S DUTIES AND HER ACCESSIBILITY TO FBI REPORTS. SINCE SOME OF
ABOVE REQUIRES SUBMISSION OF FBI REPORTS INTO EVIDENCE, BUREAU WILL
PROBABLY WANT TO TAKE THIS UP WITH DEPT. BUREAU SHOULD ADVISE WFO
RE THIS SO WFO MAY SUBMIT REPT SETTING FORTH MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR
SUMMARY REPORT. REQUEST ABOVE BE EXPEDITED BECAUSE OF NEARNESS OF
TRIAL.

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WORD 10 FOURTH FROM LAST LINE IS -- SHOULD --

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cc. Mr. Fletcher
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Ladd
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RECHECK WITH YOUR INFORMANT AS TO WHETHER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALSO TOLD OTHERS OF
SAME INFORMATION. INFORMATION COPLON EXCERPTED FROM REPORT
OF SA JOHNS WOULD BE GOOD INFORMATION TO USE AT TRIAL IF AT ALL
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Mr. Ladd _____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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JUDITH COPLON, WITH ALIASES, ESPIONAGE R. RETEL. USE OF REPORT OF SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS DATED NOVEMBER EIGHTEEN FORTYEIGHT AT TRIAL WOULD PLACE [REDACTED] IN POSITION TO DETERMINE IDENTITY INFORMANT IF PUBLICITY RESULTED FROM USE OF REPORT. ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND REPORT NOT BE USED AT TRIAL UNLESS RESULTS OBTAINED WOULD FAR OUTWEIGH USEFULNESS THIS INFORMANT. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM : D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Pennington	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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b7cPURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to acquaint you with some of the activities of [redacted] who was intimately associated with Judith Coplon in the period immediately following the institution of our investigation of Coplon on December 30, 1948, until her arrest on March 4, 1949. We have not conducted any active investigation of [redacted] other than a Departmental applicant case in 1948, and incidental to the instant investigation. We have no information to connect him with the espionage activities of Coplon.

DETAILS

The investigation of Judith Coplon reflect that she spent a great deal of her time with [redacted] in the evenings and on weekends. On January 7, 1949, a physical surveillance reflected that [redacted] and Coplon drove together in [redacted] automobile to Baltimore where they registered at the Southern Hotel as [redacted] of [redacted]

They were assigned to room 412 and checked out of the hotel at 3:01 P.M. on January 8, 1949. That night at 7:07 P.M. they registered at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia as man and wife and checked out at 4:09 P.M. on January 9, 1949. They occupied room 1523.

On January 19, 1949, they travelled together to New York City where [redacted] registered at the Piccadilly Hotel. Judith Coplon accompanied him to his room but did not stay overnight. She spent the night at her parents' home in Brooklyn, New York. On the nights of February 4, February 11, February 12, February 13, and February 17, Judith Coplon remained all night at [redacted] apartment at [redacted], according to physical surveillances conducted by the Washington Field Office.

INTERVIEWS WITH SHAPIRO

During an interview of [redacted] conducted by Agents of the Washington Field Office on March 5, 1949, [redacted] admitted that he had engaged in intimate relations with Judith Coplon at his apartment at various times, as well as in the Southern Hotel in Baltimore and the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia on the occasion of their trip to these cities on the nights of January 7 and 8, 1949. He declined at this time, however, to furnish a signed statement incorporating these facts.

In a subsequent interview with [redacted] conducted on March 14, 1949, he again admitted to the Agents intimacy with Coplon in Baltimore and Philadelphia and at [redacted] A partially completed

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statement which was reduced to writing during the course of the latter interview is being set forth immediately below:

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
March 14, 1949

"I, [redacted], make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents H. Dudley Payne and Robert L. Smeltzer who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after having been told that I do not have to make any such statement and that this statement may be used against me in a court of law. On New Years Eve, December 31, 1948, I first had intercourse with Judith Coplon in the apartment of a friend of mine in Washington, D.C. I decline to name this friend as he does not know Judith and has never met her so far as I know as he was out of the city on this particular occasion. Shortly thereafter, in the early part of January, Judith and I drove to Baltimore, Maryland in my car after work one Friday. I don't recall definitely who suggested this trip but presume it was I. In Baltimore we stayed at the Southern Hotel, where I registered for Judith and myself as [redacted] and [redacted]. We spent the night together in the hotel room.

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[redacted] at this point declined further comment concerning the trip above mentioned or to further furnish a statement concerning any immoral relations with Judith Coplon. The written portion of the statement obtained up to this point was handed to [redacted] to read and he affirmed that it was true in substance and accurately reflected what he had said. [redacted] stated that he was willing to cooperate in every respect with the FBI in respect to the case of Judith Coplon but that he felt that in further discussing or furnishing a signed statement concerning his immoral relations with her he was 'sticking his neck out' and actually not giving assistance of value to the espionage investigation.

"Witness:

s/ H. Dudley Payne, Special Agent, F.B.I. W.F.O.
s/ Robert L. Smeltzer, Special Agent FBI. WFO."

RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached a memorandum to Mr. Peyton Ford advising him of the foregoing.

MARCH 22, 1949

SAC NEWARK
NEW YORK

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. RE NY TEL INSTANT DATE REGARDING
LETTER OF [REDACTED] TO JUDGE RIFKIND. [REDACTED] WAS
ANALYST EMPLOYED IN FAR SECTION AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAD WRITTEN VOLUMINOUS MATERIAL CHARGING COPLON
WITH SAME MATTERS MENTIONED IN HER PRESENT LETTER TO JUDGE
RIFKIND AND IN ADDITION CHARGING COPLON AND OTHERS IN FAR SECTION
WITH [REDACTED] NEWARK HAS FILE ON [REDACTED]
NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH HER SHOULD BE HAD BY NEWARK AT THIS TIME
BUT YOU SHOULD DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IF SHE [REDACTED]

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CC - WASHINGTON (BY MESSENGER)

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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

JUDITH *W. C. Copley* *want to*
 Mr. Tolson ☒ *stress most*
 Mr. Clegg ☐
 Mr. Glavin ☐ *urgently*
 Mr. Ladd ☒ *imperative me-*
 Mr. Nichols ☒ *capable in all*
 Mr. Rosen ☒ *important matters*
 Mr. Tracy ☒ *to confirm by*
 Mr. Gurnea ☒ *memo. to Dept*
 Mr. Harbo ☒ *pertinent oral*
 Mr. Mohr ☒ *conversations*
 Mr. Nease ☒ *held by phone*
 Miss Gandy ☒ *or in person.*
Carson ☒
 See Me ☐
 Note and Return ☐
 For Your Recommendation ☐
 What are the facts? ☐
 Remarks: *Certainly the contents of*
the attached and more so for
instructions to assist should
have been reduced to a memo
to him immediately 0328 in
now too late *115-58365-414*

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LONDON AND 360, NEW YORK

Mr. [illegible]
Lap [illegible]

[illegible]

THE

60 APR 25 1949

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

FROM : L. WHITSON *LW*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 9, 1949

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

On April 8, 1949, at 3:15 p.m., Special Agent Lamphere spoke with Mr. John Kelley and Mr. Raymond Whearty concerning their conversation on the previous evening with Archibald Palmer, the attorney for Judith Coplon. *Lamphere*

Apparently, according to Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley, Palmer had professed more ignorance concerning Judith Coplon's involvement in the instant case than was actually so. However, they gained the definite impression that Judith Coplon has not furnished to Mr. Palmer the complete facts in this case. She has claimed that she met Gubitchev at a cocktail party, but Palmer claimed to not know where or when this party was held. According to Palmer, Coplon has told him that Gubitchev was unhappy with his present wife and had had two previous wives. According to her, she had been lonely and after having met Gubitchev, found him to be a cultured gentleman who could speak on various matters, including literature such as Milton's "Paradise Lost".

Palmer stated that Judith Coplon had told him that she was not a Communist. He indicated that he was in ignorance concerning what might have motivated Coplon to carry out the activities being charged against her by the Government. He further indicated that he would like to see her cooperate with the Government and suggested that this could be arranged satisfactorily for all parties concerned if the Government would dismiss the indictments against Judith Coplon in return for her cooperation and thereafter indicate that Miss Coplon had been cooperating with the Government in her meetings with Gubitchev. Mr. Whearty informed him that as the matters now stand, he believes the Government would be satisfied with a thirty years' sentence which would result in Miss Coplon's being out of jail in approximately ten years. Mr. Whearty, of course, made this statement in order to point out to Palmer the seriousness with which the Government regards the instant case. *lm*

With respect to Palmer's claim that Coplon had told him that she was not a Communist, Mr. Whearty showed to Mr. Palmer the biographical sketch written by Coplon regarding Lorraine Sindabrend, in which Coplon states that Sindabrend knew her (Coplon) as a Communist. Mr. Palmer was, of course, considerably interested in this information and again desired information as to what might have motivated Coplon in her activities. Numerous reasons for her activities were suggested to Mr. Palmer by Mr. Kelley, among which was the fact that Miss Coplon might have been coerced into the activity by the Soviets.

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Palmer apparently seized upon this as an excellent thought and during the remainder of the conversation, Mr. Palmer frequently alluded to the possibility that Judith Coplon had been coerced into acting as an agent for the Soviets. Mr. Kelley suggests that this might be a defense put forward by Palmer at the trial, although he, Kelley, does not think that it would be a sound defense.

No agreement was reached between Palmer and Mr. Whearty and Mr. Kelley regarding any cooperation by Judith Coplon. Both the defense and the Government are desirous of trying the case in Washington and are attempting to make arrangements to have the trial start about April 22, 1949.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HB*

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, ET AL
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: APRIL 11, 1949

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

At 4:55 P.M. today, Mr. Belmont of New York called in and stated that it had come to the attention of the Office this afternoon that the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Tolikonikov, had been in to see Judge Rifkind, who has been handling the various hearings in this matter. Mr. Belmont stated they had advised Mr. Donegan who contacted Judge Rifkind. The Judge stated that he had been informed that the \$100,000 bail was now ready for Gubitchev. The Judge had told Tolikonikov that the matter would be handled tomorrow; it could not be handled today because of the absence of Mr. Donegan. It was expected that Gubitchev will be released on bail tomorrow.

ACTION:

It is not believed that a surveillance of Gubitchev is desirable or practicable. It is believed that he will avoid all surveillances and any surveillance will be fruitless and might be embarrassing. No action is, therefore, recommended.

HBF:mer

*I agree.**sh**lm*

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DIRECTOR FBI

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JUDITH COPLON, WITH ALIASES, ESPIONAGE, R. REURTEL APRIL FIVE. INFORMANT ADVISES HE AND [REDACTED] WHEN HE, INFORMANT, RECEIVED THE INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN REPORT OF SA FREDERICK A. JOHNS. INFORMANT FURTHER STATED HE HAS RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT ANYONE ELSE IS AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION. RUC.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

SAC New York

To: **Enclosed follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on April 3, 1949.**

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re:

New York

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director
D-97130 ET

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

Examination requested by:

Letter 4/1/49

Reference:

Document

Examination requested by: **Photographic copy of Application for War Savings Bond, Post Office Department Form No. 920, dated July 5, 1944, in the name of JUDITH COPLON.**

Specimens:

- Qc137 Photographic copy of Application for War Savings Bond, dated July 7, 1944, No. 15294, in the name of JUDITH COPLON.
- Qc138 Photographic copy of Application for War Savings Bond, dated December 11, 1944, No. 15290, in the name of JUDITH COPLON.
- Qc139 Photographic copy of Application for War Savings Bond, dated December 1, 1944, No. 15204, in the name of JUDITH COPLON.
- Qc140 Photographic copy of Application for War Savings Bond, dated December 1, 1944, No. 15206, in the name of JUDITH COPLON.
- Qc141 Photographic copy of Application for War Savings Bond, dated November 9, 1945, No. 53290, in the name of JUDITH COPLON.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It has been concluded that the handwriting and handprinting on specimens Qc136 through Qc141 were not prepared by JUDITH COPLON, whose known handwriting and handprinting specimens are listed in the Laboratory as Qc136 through Qc141.

The evidence you submitted is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

SPECIAL DELIVERY
2-Washington

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Mr. Rosen _____
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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

April 4, 1949

D-97130

Director, FBI

ATT: FBI Laboratory

RE: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed 6 photographs of bond applications for bonds in the name of JUDITH COPLON.

It is requested that the handwriting and handprinting appearing on these applications be compared with the known handwriting and handprinting of JUDITH COPLON, to determine which were made by COPLON.

It would be appreciated if in the Laboratory report, the application be referred to by the date of application as well as the Laboratory number assigned to these specimens.

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The Laboratory may retain these enclosed photographs.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

Encs. (6)

cc Washington Field

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Miss Gandy

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RMYTEL APRIL TWELVE ON CONTEMPLATED
INTERVIEWS. FLORA BRIDGES IS ASSISTANT DEAN AT MOUNT VERNON JUNIOR
COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, DC. SHE RESIDES MC LEAN GARDENS, ONE THREE
NINE FRANKFORT HALL, PLATTSBURG COURT, WASHINGTON, DC, TELEPHONE,
WOOLEY NINE EIGHT SIX NINE. INFORMATION ON BRIDGES SET OUT IN NY
REPORT MARCH TWENTY EIGHT LAST. WFO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BRIDGES
RE HER ASSOCIATION WITH COPLON AS WELL AS COPLON-S

CLOSE ASSOCIATES BERNARD COLLEGE AND ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, DEPT.
OF JUSTICE, NYC.

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REPORT
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

SAC, Washington

To: There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination
of evidence received from your office on March 30, 1949.

JUDITH COPLON;
VALENTIN ALKSENVICH GUBITOV, with aliases
R-Espionage - R

Washington

Examination requested by letter dated March 30, 1949

Reference: Document

Examination requested:

- S331...Passport Application #204249, signed on May 6, 1946 by
JUDITH COPLON; attached to the application is a City of
New York Certification of Birth.
- K32 One-page letter handwritten in ink, dated March 28, 1949,
addressed to "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington,
D. C.", and signed "Sincerely yours, JUDITH COPLON".
- K33 Two pages of white ruled paper handwritten in pencil on
both sides, listing certain items of furniture, instruc-
tions, etc., in the known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON.
- K34 Large sheet of white ruled paper handwritten in pencil on
one side, beginning "See 7(a) - only include...", in the
known handwriting of JUDITH COPLON.
- K35 One-page letter handwritten in ink, dated March 26, 1949,
addressed to "Fairmac Corporation, 3811 Porter Street, NW,
Washington 16, D. C.", and signed "Sincerely yours, JUDITH
COPLON".
- K36 Postal card addressed in ink to "Manager, Jefferson Hall,
3666 38th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.", bearing message
COMMUNIST message side dated "March 18, 1949" beginning "Dear
Madam; I would appreciate...", and signed "Sincerely yours,
JUDITH COPLON".

COMMUNIST message side dated "March 18, 1949" beginning "Dear
Madam; I would appreciate...", and signed "Sincerely yours,
JUDITH COPLON".

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Results of Examination:

The additional known handwriting specimens of JUDITH COPLON, listed above as K31 through K36, have been compared with specimen Q39, which is the only handwritten specimen removed from COPLON'S purse on the night of her arrest, March 4, 1949, and it has been determined that these additional specimens are adequate for a positive conclusion that COPLON wrote Q39.

If it should become difficult to prove the authenticity of the known handwriting specimens previously used as a basis for this identification, which consisted of COPLON'S Department of Justice Personnel File, the two handwritten letters, K32 and K35, would serve as an adequate basis for the above conclusion.

It is pointed out that specimen K34 is of no value for comparison with Q39.

Specimen K31 was returned personally by SA Frederick E. Webb of the Laboratory to SA Hollis W. Bowers of the Washington Field Division on March 30, 1949. Photographic copies of this specimen have been retained in the files of the Laboratory. Specimens K32 through K36 will be retained in the Laboratory.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *Guy* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 30, 1949

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON; ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY
VALENTIN ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, was.
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Transmitted herewith are certain known specimens of the hand-writing of subject JUDITH COPLON.

3/30/49 Retained to SA Bowers

(1) This is a passport application, #204249, signed on May 5, 1948 by JUDITH COPLON; attached to the application is a City of New York Certification of Birth. The application was obtained from Miss MILDRED SMITH, Room 224, Passport Division, Department of State, Winder Building, 17th and F Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. It is to be noted that this application contains the names of J. J. FLYNN and DORIS E. WRIGLEY as witnesses. FLYNN can be reached through the Passport Division, Department of State, Winder Building. WRIGLEY's address on the application is 828 Gebhardt Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. However, she is now married to an individual whose name is SEVIER and is with him in Trieste, Italy where he is working for the Department of State of this country.

At the time of the attaining of this application, Miss SMITH advised that she had made an incidental search of the Passport Files and had determined that COPLON's passport had not been surrendered. She further pointed out that the passports are good for two years from the date of issuance and that it would not be surrendered by an American citizen unless it had been requested by the Department of State. The FBI Laboratory is requested to make sufficient photographic copies of the above described passport application in order that the original application may be immediately returned to the State Department per their request.

The initials of Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS appear on this specimen. *lm*

(2) This specimen, designated as #2, is a handwritten letter dated March 26, 1949 and addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The letter is signed by subject JUDITH COPLON and was used by her brother, BERTRAM G. COPLON as an introduction and request that certain personal items of COPLON's be furnished to him. Known specimen #2 was given to Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL at approximately 10:00 AM on March 27, 1949 at the Washington Field Office.

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The initials of Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL appear on the back of Specimen #2.

(3) Known specimen #3 is a pencilled handwritten two page list of items and instructions which BERTRAM G. COPLON had with him at 10:00 AM on March 27, 1949 when he appeared at the Washington Field Office. BERTRAM G. COPLON furnished this list to Special Agent MENDENHALL and advised that they had been written by his sister JUDITH. Concerning known specimen #3, it is to be noted that there are two pencilled notations consisting of three short lines in the top right-hand corner of Page 1 and Page 2. According to BERTRAM G. COPLON, these notations were placed there by Mr. RAYMOND P. WHEARTY of the Department of Justice and Mr. A. H. BELMONT of the New York Office of the FBI. These two pencilled notations are considerably darker than the handwriting of COPLON on this list.

This specimen has been sealed and identified by Special Agent MENDENHALL.

(4) Known specimen #4 is one page from a lined tablet containing certain pencilled notes. Mr. NATHAN B. LENVIN, Attorney, who shared Room #2220 at the Department of Justice with JUDITH COPLON, can testify that he saw her make these notes sometime during the last week of February 1949. LENVIN specifically recalls the incident as he, COPLON and HAROLD KOFFSKY had a discussion relative to the International Organization Immunity Act and whether it applied to an employee of the United Nations if the employee was an American citizen. Further, during the discussion, LENVIN saw COPLON making the notes on known specimen #4 which notes appear below the arrow drawn in ink on this specimen. Known specimen #4 was located in the lower left drawer of COPLON's desk. The initials of NATHAN B. LENVIN and those of Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES appear on known specimen #4.

(5) Known specimen #5 is a letter dated March 26, 1949 and directed to the Fairmac Corporation for the attention of "Mr. CHARLES L. ALLISON". The letter is signed by the subject, JUDITH COPLON. Known specimen #5 was obtained on March 29, 1949 by Special Agent LYNN W. BEDFORD from Miss H. BARNEY, Secretary to CHARLES L. ALLISON of the Executive Office, McLean Gardens. Special Agent THOMAS A. MENDENHALL of this office was present at Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens on March 27, 1949 when BERTRAM G. COPLON furnished known specimen #5 to ANNA MOOREFIELD, McLean Gardens employee who was on duty at Jefferson Hall at that time.

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(6) Known specimen #6 is a postal card addressed to the Manager of Jefferson Hall by JUDITH COPLON on March 15, 1949. This specimen was also furnished by Miss H. BARNEY, secretary to C. L. ALLISON. Special Agent LYNN W. BEDFORD has placed his initials on known specimens #5 and #6.

Known specimens #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6, set forth above, may be retained by the Laboratory and destroyed upon the completion of this investigation on JUDITH COPLON. Known specimen #1, after appropriate photographing, will be returned personally by Special Agent HOLLIS W. BOWERS of this office to the Passport Division of the State Department.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare these known specimens of the handwriting of JUDITH COPLON with those questioned specimens found in her possession on the night of her arrest, March 4, 1949. The results of the examination should be furnished to this office and to the New York Office.

For the information of the Bureau, additional handwriting specimens may be obtained at the following sources in the event it becomes imperative that additional specimens be obtained:

The City Bank, 10th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

This bank has a signature card for the account of JUDITH COPLON.

The City Bank, 9th Street and Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

This bank has three bond applications executed in the name of JUDITH COPLON. These applications contain her name, address and date of the applications. One of the three applications was prepared in pencil, one in ink and one was typewritten, with the exception, of course, that all three were signed by JUDITH COPLON.

Lincoln National Bank, 7th and D Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

This bank has one bond application executed by JUDITH COPLON and a signature card which ROBERT E. LEE, an official of the bank, recalls JUDITH COPLON signing.

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Washington Loan and Trust Company
9th and F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.

This bank has two bond applications written in pencil in the name of JUDITH COPLON. The bank has advised that it believes these applications were sent to the bank by Woodward & Lothrop Department Store as a customer's service in securing war bonds.

It is to be noted that the handwriting specimens that would be obtained from the aforementioned banks would probably be limited in that they are signatures and addresses and furthermore, it appears that it will be difficult to get anyone who can definitely state that they saw JUDITH COPLON make the signatures, with the exception of ROBERT E. LEE of the Lincoln National Bank.

Another possibility for handwriting specimens is the Treasury Bonds for Security Section of the Treasury Department. This section has receipts for bonds which it is holding in safe-keeping for JUDITH COPLON. Mrs. EDITH HOOVER, Branch 787, Treasury Department, furnished the information concerning these receipts.

It is also known that JUDITH COPLON had an account at the Credit Union, Department of Justice which has a signature card for her account. Also, the Payroll Section of the Department of Justice will undoubtedly have a bond application which in itself may be types but would have to be signed by JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. E. L. KILBY, Office of the Director of Public Debt, Treasury Department, can furnish cancelled U. S. war bonds which contain the signature and address of subject JUDITH COPLON.

This office is not taking any steps toward obtaining additional specimens from the above outlined sources, especially with regard to the banks who, in this area, want subpoena duces tecum prior to releasing any of their original records.

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CARDS WILL BE AN EXHIBIT THIS CASE FOR FURTHER REFERENCE IN EVENT ADDITIONAL INFO OBTAINED ON ZORA.. ANY EMPLOYEE WHO ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE AT ABOUT SAME TIME AS COPLON AND [REDACTED] WILL BECOME IMMEDIATE SUSPECT. A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL FILES WILL BE IN WASH, DC, AND WHEN THESE FILES IDENTIFIED THE WFO WILL BE REQUESTED TO EXAMINE THEM.

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cc: Mr. Lamphre

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. Ladd

DATE: 4-14-49

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*SUBJECT: Valentine A. Gubitchev
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At 11:15 a.m. today, ASAC, Belmont, New York, called in and stated that Gubitchev had been brought before Judge Cox, handling the criminal work, at 10:30 a.m. today. Judith Coplon was not present, but she was represented by her attorney, Palmer. Mr. Donegan represented the Government and requested the trial date be set for May 2, 1949. Palmer stated that the District of Columbia indictment would be tried on April 25, 1949, so that the date May 2 should be marked as tentative. He asked Donegan whether or not it was true that the Washington case would be tried on April 25, and Donegan stated that such was his understanding.

Gubitchev through an interpreter declared that the Court had no jurisdiction of him; it was a case of provocation on the part of the Bureau and the Department of Justice for political reasons, that his diplomatic status had never been settled, and he had never had an opportunity to present his claim on diplomatic status. He stated he had evidence of his diplomatic status. The Court told him to go ahead. He started all over again, claiming that the case was a political provocation engineered by the Bureau and the Department of Justice, that he had been given a diplomatic passport by his Government and granted a diplomatic visa by the State Department. He was permitted to talk for about five minutes and the Judge cut him off, stating this was a matter which he could not pass upon.

Mr. Donegan then stated that Tolokonnikov, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, had been permitted to see Gubitchev whenever he desired, and that Tolokonnikov had specifically instructed Gubitchev to take the position that he was taking. In fact, Gubitchev had been fully informed as to his rights in detail. Gubitchev then responded that if the Court wasn't interested in facts there was no use in bringing him there. At that point, the Marshal removed him.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JUDITH COPLON, Dept. of Justice employee, arrested New York City, March 4, 1949 for violation of Espionage Laws, had in possession typewritten summary of background and personal impressions of [redacted] Analyst at Army Security Agency, Arlington, Virginia. [redacted] voluntarily submitted unsolicited memo to officials of Agency reflecting his acquaintance with COPLON since Summer, 1946. Fellow employees consider [redacted] steadfastly loyal citizen although some question his personal associations as being of doubtful loyalty or pro-Communist. Personal history and loyalty form executed by subject admit membership in Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Listed December, 1947 in current active indices of Wash. Bookshop. [redacted] born [redacted] El Paso, Texas. Has worked at Army Security Agency from 1944 as enlisted man and civilian. Background set forth. Present capacity is Research Analytic Specialist, having access to top secret information. Resides [redacted] Arlington, Virginia.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated March 9, 1949.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

At the time of the arrest of JUDITH COPLON, an employee of the Foreign Agent Registration Section of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York City on March 4, 1949, among the documents located in her possession was a typewritten paper which is set forth in its entirety immediately following:

"3/3/49

[REDACTED]

"I first met [REDACTED] as he is known, in the summer of 1946 when we both attended a class in 'International Organization' at the graduate school of American University in Washington.

[REDACTED] is about [REDACTED] years of age, an American by birth, and comes from El Paso, Texas. At the present time he is working at the Signal Corps in Arlington, Virginia. He has a P-3 or P-4 rating; I do not know the nature of his work since he is most secretive on this point; he did tell me several months ago though that he had changed the type of work he was doing. [REDACTED] came to Washington during the war and, I believe, has been working since, first as a GI and then as a civilian, at the Signal Corps. Previously, he held some sort of civil service job in Texas or Arkansas and prior to that I think taught school, having received an M. A. in English literature from some southern US university.

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"I would characterize [REDACTED] as pro-Communist, albeit a bit of a 'wishy-washy idealist' and politically naive. For example, in a conversation that I had with him a few days ago, he mentioned some people that he's met in New York (apparently Communists); he told me that while he found himself agreeing with these people sympathetically, he could not accept all of their 'realistic' approach. He mentioned though that when he met such people as a group, he tended to agree with them 100% in their presence, largely because they were usually so shocked finding someone so 'liberal' from the proverbially reactionary state of Texas that he seemed to want them to be sure that he was one of them. (I might add, as an aside, that until this very recent conversation with him, I'd never heard him express such qualifications to his previously seemingly more mature views.)

"I do not know of any of his political affiliations. I know he is a member of the American Veterans Committee and that for a while he associated, and may still associate, with various persons connected with Community Education, Inc., an inter-racial 'cultural' center in Washington. It was my vague impression that Community Ed. was a pro-Communist organization. Recently I read in a Bureau report where one informant characterized the group as pro-Communist, but another characterized it as Socialist and one of its leaders, David Campbell, as a Trotskyite. [] also attended at least one meeting, a year or so ago, of the Washington Bookshop (subversive listing) which was on the subject of Palestine and about which he was very enthusiastic; and was impressed with the speaker.

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[] closest friend, and former roommate, in Washington was [] who also worked at the Signal Corps until he returned to New York last summer. He is working at present for some agency of the New York State Government. [] graduated from Brooklyn College and was friendly with several people (mainly progressives) whom I'd been friendly with during college days. [] impressed me as being more politically mature than [] although I do not know of any of his previous or present political affiliations.

"As for [] personality--he is seemingly sincere, intelligent, good-natured sort-of person. On the negative side, he is quite shy, inclined to boring, tedious discussions on obscure points, and has a general awkwardness, social and otherwise, like that of an adolescent. When I was attending American University (until Feb. 1948), I saw [] about once every two or three weeks; since then I've seen him infrequently.

"With respect to his family background--his father, now dead, was a Protestant minister; his mother teaches school in El Paso; he has an older sister who is married and an older brother, [] is a pianist and composer and is now teaching at the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. About a year or more ago, [] gave a concert in New York City which included his own works, one of which, I vaguely remember, was devoted to John Brown, or some other progressive American historical figure, and had a slightly progressive flavor. From what [] has told me, I would say that financially his family has been relatively poor."

On March 10, 1949, Washington T-1, an official of the Army Security Agency, Arlington, Virginia, was contacted and advised

as follows. [] an employee of the Agency, had voluntarily and on his own initiative made available to the Agency a handwritten memorandum dated March 8, 1949 setting forth the extent of his acquaintance with JUDITH COPLON. Informant stated that the original of this memorandum was being maintained by the Agency but furnished a photostatic copy of same which is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. This memorandum is quoted in its entirety as follows:

"8 March 1949

"The following is a chronology of my contacts with Judy Coplon since first meeting in the summer of 1946.

/s/ []

Chronology

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First meeting in 'International Organization' class, American University. Walked together to car-line after classes, occasionally stopping for coffee on the way. Went to a documentary film at Interior Dept. one non-class night. Ate supper she had prepared at her apartment. June, July 1946

Enrolled in same course second semester: 'International Trade'. Aug. 46
She dropped it soon after but continued with other courses for a master's degree.

Met by accident at school from time to time. Went to a few shows and concerts together. Aug., Sept., Oct. 46

Took her to eat at Hogates one Sunday afternoon. Others in the party included present and former ASA employees. Later she was invited to attend a party with me given by ASA employees (they had only met her once through me at Hogates). The party included but was not limited to ASA employees. On the last occasion she offered her oven for the cooking of a turkey one of the girls had received from home. Two or three nights later a group of 8 or 10 gathered at her apartment for a turkey supper. Nov. 46

Hogates:

Kathy Pierce
Frank & Helen Porras
Myron Kaufman
[redacted]
Howard Israel

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Party at 901 Taylor:

John Amot
Kathy Pierce (then)
Joan Mac Kenzie
Ellie Brimberg
Mrs. Yampolsky
Ronnie Apsel
Warren Blanding
Jack Murphy
Howard Israel
[redacted]

Other people, I can't recall.

Met infrequently for supper and a show.

Dec. 1946 to
Mar. 1947

She said she might be let off from her job because of a prospective reduction in forces. She was considering returning to New York, or trying to get a job in some other Agency in Washington. I told her she might investigate job possibilities at ASA. I did not describe the work done or qualifications desired of an employee. However she later reported that the reduction in forces at the Justice Dept. would not affect her.

April, 1947

Saw her only once or twice, occasionally talked to her over the telephone.

May 47 - Oct 47

She was in the same class at the American University with an ASA employee (Jane Garrett) and myself. We three walked to the car-line together once or twice.

Oct. - Dec. 47

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Did not see each other or talk on telephone.

Dec. 1947 to
Mar. 1948

She called asking for return of book of poetry she April 48
had loaned and explained at the
same time that she was not liking
her apartment, that she thought she
would be happier living at Mc Lean
Gardens without attempting to cook,
etc. She also said she was planning
to take a trip to Europe during the
summer.

Did not see each other or talk by telephone

May 48 to Nov. 48

She called and said she had gone through with her Nov. 48
plan of moving into Mc Lean
Gardens and that she had
actually gone to Europe. She
had decided now she should pay
more attention to Washington's own
galleries. We arranged to meet at the
Nat'l Gallery for supper and then look
at pictures. We did eat but went up
the lounge to talk and visit instead of
looking at pictures. We talked about
Geo. Meredith's "The Eguist" and Thoreau.

We went to see the Marx Bros. at the Bethesda

Dec. 48

I called her inviting her to eat a holiday dinner,
but she said she was going home.

Dec. 23 48

She called one evening when I was out and left her Feb. 49
name. I tried to reach her at work
the next evening but she had already
left. I tried her Mc Lean phone but
she hadn't come in yet.

She called again and asked whether I had got her message. March 2, 1949
Since I was embarrassed at not having
tried harder to get in touch with her
I said no and then corrected myself to
explain I had been told she had called
but I was unable to reach her at work
the next day and then had simply forgotten
about it. She explained she had gone

up to New York anyway. We talked for awhile until the people with whom I stay had a visitor arrive and I explained I would call her back from the drug store. I did and we continued to talk. She was explaining her indecision as to whether she should go back to live in New York or stay in Washington --- she didn't see how she was going to get anywhere either place. She broke off the conversation abruptly. She said she was going home for the weekend. This is my last contact with her."

Informant T-1 stated that he was apprehensive not only of the fact that [] an employee of the Agency, had been acquainted to such an extent with an individual charged with espionage, but that furthermore he appeared to associate, by his own statement, with other former and present employees of the Agency who had membership in Communist front or questionable organizations, such as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Washington Bookshop, and Community Education, Inc. Information regarding such individuals will be set forth subsequently in this report.

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There was made available by T-1 also a photostatic copy of a memorandum dated March 9, 1949 voluntarily furnished by STANLEY E. COFFIN, an employee of Arlington Hall Station, encompassing his acquaintance with JUDITH COPLON during their mutual attendance at the American University, Washington, D. C. There is being set forth immediately following only two paragraphs taken out of context from the memorandum having pertinence to instant investigation.

"I first met Miss COPLON in early February, 1946 at the first meeting of an evening class at American University on 'Russia in the 20th Century'. The instructor circulated a paper on which members of the class recorded.....their past college background, place of residence, and employment. (Hence) Miss COPLON was from the start aware of my employment at Arlington Hall but I cannot recall any questions of hers regarding the work there. While I cannot point to any specific conversation or statement of hers regarding Arlington Hall, I did have a feeling that she was not unaware of the general nature of the work here. I cannot give any explanation for this except that it appeared previously acquired....."

"Shortly after our initial meeting I met her in the entrance to the Library of the downtown school talking to two male students whom she introduced to me as co-workers at Arlington Hall. They were

[redacted] and [redacted] I became friendly with both of them because of our mutual work, school interests, and the fact that they roomed only a few blocks from me in Arlington..... [redacted] discontinued his studies in 1947, I believe, while I met [redacted] occasionally until the Spring of 1948. While they remained on the campus I saw them on several occasions in conversation with Miss COPLON and sometimes joined them."

The personnel records of the Army Security Agency, Department of the Army, reflect that [redacted] was born [redacted] at El Paso, Texas, his parents being [redacted] (deceased) and [redacted] who presently resides at [redacted] El Paso. [redacted] attended the Texas College of Mines and Meteorology in El Paso, 1935 to 1938 receiving an AB Degree in English and later attended Southern Methodist University, Dallas, in 1938 and 1939, receiving his master's degree in English. He subsequently returned to the Texas College of Mines during 1939 and 1940 to receive credits in the field of Education. From September, 1940 until September, 1941 he was employed as a substitute high school teacher and a sales clerk in El Paso. From October 6, to October 27, 1941 he was employed as an under-clerk in the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Department of Agriculture, Lubbock, Texas. He was subsequently employed until February, 1943 as a clerk in the War Department, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois and later at the Ozark Ordnance Works, El Dorado, Arkansas. He was inducted into the U. S. Army January 6, 1943 and served until Honorable Discharge February, 1946 as a Technical Sergeant, grade 3. From 1944 to the time of his discharge he served at the Army Security Agency in Arlington and subsequent to his Army discharge was re-employed on February 21, 1946 as a Research Analytic Specialist in that agency. As of January 9, 1949 he possessed a P-3 rating receiving \$4730 per annum. It is noted that he is single and his present address is given as [redacted] Arlington, Virginia. Informant T-1 advised that [redacted] works from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Agency and that he has access to top secret information.

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On the Personal History Statement executed by employee February 22, 1947 he lists membership in the American Veterans Committee and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report of March 29, 1944, cited the Southern Conference for Human Welfare as a Communist front.

Washington T-4, a member of the Communist Party who over a long period of time has furnished reliable information, stated that the

Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Washington, D. C. is dominated by the Communist Party; that its functionaries are advised by and generally follow the advice and direction of the Communist Party leadership and that most members of the white collar group of the Communist Party are active members of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and tend to control its policy because they are active in meetings. Washington T-4 has declined to furnish a signed statement or testify before a Loyalty Board.

Washington T-7, a member of the Communist Party who over a long period of time has furnished reliable information, stated that the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Washington, D.C. is thoroughly infiltrated by the Communist Party and that the Communist Party controls it to a considerable extent. This informant is unwilling to furnish a signed statement or to appear before a Loyalty Board.

Washington T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning the membership and the activities of the Washington Bookshop, advised that as of December, 1947 [redacted] [redacted] Arlington, Virginia, employed at the Army Security Agency, Arlington, was listed in the current active indices of the Washington Bookshop Association.

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The Washington Bookshop Association has been declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

During the course of a loyalty investigation conducted regarding subject by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in August, 1948, Mr. WILLIAM C. AYRES, [redacted] Arlington, Virginia, advised Special Agent ROBERT H. PAUL that subject had rented a room from him for approximately six or seven months in 1946 and 1947 and that during this period he had little contact with the subject. On one occasion, however, while he was cleaning subject's room, he noted that the latter had books by KARL MARX in his room and he questioned [redacted] concerning this, being told by the latter that he referred to these books in conjunction with his school studies. AYRES also recalled that during the period of [redacted] residence at his home, he received much literature pertaining to activities of the Washington Bookshop as well as literature from the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and that after subject had moved such literature continued to come to him necessitating AYRES' forwarding the same. AYRES stated that he had no proof that subject was other than a loyal citizen but due to his observation of the foregoing reading matter received by [redacted] he considered his loyalty to be questionable.

Mr. STUART HENRY BUCK, Army Security Agency, Arlington, Virginia, stated that he has been acquainted with [] since 1944 and that he knows him socially as well as professionally. At one time both he and subject were members of the now non-existent Columbia Pike Chapter of the American Veterans Committee and that to his knowledge the subject is no longer affiliated with this organization. It is not known to BUCK that [] was a member of any other organization. In BUCK'S opinion, [] is a staunchly loyal individual and one who certainly would not deliberately furnish restricted information to unauthorized persons and was furthermore far too conscientious to even inadvertently breach the security regulations governing his work or the activities in general carried on at Arlington Hall. There was in BUCK'S mind, however, considerable question concerning some of [] associates, mainly one MYRON KAUFMAN, a former employee of the Army Security Agency, whose employment at that station was not continued after his discharge from the service. BUCK stated that in his opinion KAUFMAN is definitely a "Communist fellow traveller" and repeats the same general line of reasoning as is followed by "The Daily Worker and Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO of New York". On one occasion he was discussing with BUCK labor and social problems in general and stated that he considered labor and capital to be engaged in a class struggle, not merely an economic battle.

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After KAUFMAN left Arlington Hall, he maintained friendly relations with several persons in that establishment and upon one occasion while in the company of BUCK and others, asked very pertinent questions concerning the program of the work at the Hall. BUCK found this extremely embarrassing as KAUFMAN had been a former employee and on a friendly basis with those in the group. However, no one offered any discussion of these questions with KAUFMAN and BUCK later made a report concerning this incident to the authorities at the Army Security Agency. BUCK stated that [] was cognizant of his impressions of KAUFMAN and the fact that he considered KAUFMAN to be an undesirable individual. However, in answer to BUCK'S objections, [] did state that KAUFMAN was merely argumentative and received a great deal of pleasure in attempting to shock other persons by maintaining views generally considered unconventional. According to BUCK, [] seems interested in a general manner in the plight of social and economic minorities, however, he does not appear to have any extreme interest in political theories or movements as such. [] main diversion seem to be music and art and he apparently attempts to associate with individuals well versed in these fields.

BUCK further stated that [] at one time associated in some degree with one WARREN BLANDING, whom BUCK described

as a Bohemian in a derogatory sense of the word. BLANDING was felt to be an individual of questionable morals and loyalty although BUCK could give no explanation of the latter. He stated that BLANDING, a white man, had sometime ago divorced his wife and married a negro woman with whom he is thought to presently reside. Both BLANDING and one [] who at one time resided with [] and who was stated by BUCK to possess many views generally concerning race discrimination which appeared to him to coincide with the Communist Party views.

Approximately a week after the arrest of JUDITH COPLON, [] had explained to BUCK that he had been acquainted with her socially and that he was shocked to learn of her reported espionage activity. [] appeared to be genuinely surprised to hear that JUDITH COPLON had been engaged in such activity and so far as he could discern [] never attempted to pass off her arrest as a mistake or accident. [] mentioned that he had apprised the officials of Arlington Hall concerning his acquaintance with COPLON in order that he might keep the record clear concerning his own activities.

Interviews with the individuals subsequently set forth were conducted ostensibly as to their knowledge of JUDITH COPLON and only inferentially as to [] in order not to give such persons the impression that an investigation was being conducted concerning subject.

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FRANCIS JOSEPH PORRAS, Army Security Agency, advised that sometime in the Summer of 1946 MYRON KAUFMAN, a former employee of the Agency, was visiting at his home one Sunday and that during the day [] and [] dropped in at his house where they all engaged in general conversation. Before the latter two individuals left, they made arrangements to meet at some restaurant on Seventh Street, S. W., later in the evening. That evening Mr. and Mrs. PORRAS and KAUFMAN drove to the designated place but found the restaurant closed so subsequently went to Hogates where they had dinner. Before they went to Hogates they were joined at their designated meeting place by a group of individuals including to Mr. PORRAS' recollection KATHLEEN PEARCE, WARREN BLANDING, [] HOWARD ISRAEL, and subject, as well as the young lady companion of [] whom he now recalls to be JUDITH COPLON. After dinner, Mr. PORRAS and some of the persons present drove in his car to Union Station where KAUFMAN left on a train for Baltimore. The group could not obtain drinks anywhere in the city as it was Sunday, so COPLON suggested driving to her

apartment. PORRAS did not recall the exact location of the apartment but it was believed to be on Tunlaw Road off Wisconsin Avenue. PORRAS stated that he and his wife remained at COPLON'S apartment possibly two or three hours, after which time they returned to their home, leaving the other individuals there. PORRAS stated that he received no impressions of any kind concerning COPLON but that most of the individuals in the group appeared to be what he described as the "Greenwich Village type" who seemed to talk for their own edification and the simple purpose of impressing each other. PORRAS recalled that HOWARD ISRAEL had led most of the conversation at COPLON'S apartment and that this conversation seemed to be in the discussion of the film industry and foreign films in general. PORRAS advised that he had known [redacted] since November, 1944 and that the latter has always impressed him as being physically awkward and somewhat mentally slow, however, he affects an extremely slow and deliberate speech which to some persons might give the impression of profundity. Subject did not impress PORRAS as being in the same category of HOWARD ISRAEL, WARREN BLANDING, [redacted] and MYRON KAUFMAN, who seemed much more aggressive and outspoken concerning their questionably liberal views than [redacted] who seemed actually self-conscious but appeared to want to associate with these latter individuals in order to be thought of as a cosmopolite and intellectual. In conclusion PORRAS stated that he had no reason to believe [redacted] is other than a loyal American nor has he ever received any indication of the latter having discussed his work or any of the activities at the Army Security Agency.

Mrs. HELEN DAVIS PORRAS furnished substantially the same information as her husband concerning her meeting of JUDITH COPLON at Hogates Restaurant and subsequently at COPLON'S apartment. She stated that during the time that she and her husband were in the apartment, HOWARD ISRAEL appeared to do most of the talking and led a general discussion concerning the decadence of American motion pictures. She could not recall any particular observation in this regard made by [redacted] nor of any other conversations of [redacted] which would raise any question concerning his patriotism or loyalty. She stated that so far as she knows, he is a quiet, conscientious, young man who does not give the impression of being aggressively interested in politics or any controversial issues. Mrs. PORRAS stated that [redacted] was known by her to have associated in some degree with WARREN BLANDING and HOWARD ISRAEL, two individuals whom she considered to possess questionable loyalty, as she noted at one time in 1946 BLANDING and ISRAEL attempted to have some petitions signed by the employees of the Arlington Hall Station, the purpose of the petitions being a protest against the Un-American Activities Committee and the demand for its abolishment. She stated that BLANDING himself had solicited her to sign this petition.

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JOHN DONALD MURPHY, Army Security Agency, Arlington Hall, advised that he had no personal recollection of ever having met or having been in the company of JUDITH COPLON. He stated upon numerous occasions in the past he has attended gatherings and parties at 901 North Taylor Street, Arlington, Virginia, but that he could not recall JUDITH COPLON as ever having been to any of these affairs although it is quite possible that she might have unbeknown to him.

Mrs. JOHN HEIDEMANN, nee JOAN MAC KENZIE, advised that she formerly resided at 901 North Taylor Street, and that she and KATHLEEN PEARCE had given a party during the Christmas season in 1946 at which time [] had brought JUDITH COPLON. At the party, in addition to these two, were [] JOHN AMOTT, JOHN HEIDEMANN, later her husband, and possibly others she does not recall. To the best of her knowledge only [] and [] appear to have been previously acquainted with COPLON. During the party nothing transpired of a controversial nature, it being strictly a social occasion and it was decided later in the evening that COPLON would cook a turkey belonging to JOAN in her apartment and invite a number of the people present for a turkey dinner. This was done within a very few days and the group met for the dinner at JUDITH'S apartment, believed to have been on Tunlaw Road.

Neither PEARCE nor JOAN liked COPLON due to what the former called only-minor irritations that arose such as the fact that JUDITH demanded that the girls take home with them for disposal the remains of the turkey and some other food that they had brought due to the fact that she had no facilities for keeping it and that furthermore when JOAN and KATHIE PEARCE arrived to assist with the cooking of the turkey they started eating a few peanuts which JUDITH had and the latter told them to stop eating them as she was saving them for her other guests. Mrs. HEIDEMAN said that this was the last meeting she ever had with COPLON and that she of her own knowledge did not know how closely [] associated with her. However, a short time after the arrest of COPLON, [] had mentioned to her and KATHLEEN how badly he felt about introducing COPLON to them and other employees at the Agency as he was afraid of involving them in some way with COPLON and possibly jeopardizing their positions. Mrs. HEIDEMAN said that she was certain that any connection that [] had with COPLON was strictly innocuous in nature and that she felt that he was sufficiently loyal, that he would not under any circumstances disclose any information concerning Arlington Hall or the work done there.

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Mr. STANLEY E. COFFIN, Army Security Agency, reiterated the information set forth in his memorandum, excerpts of which have been

quoted above, and stated that his purpose in submitting the memorandum is merely to keep his record clear as to the extent and circumstances of his association with JUDITH COPLON. He stated that so far as he knows, subject is a loyal individual and had no purpose in associating with COPLON other than social and intellectual interests. He also advised that he did not actually know how well [] was acquainted with COPLON.

During the course of the loyalty investigation of subject above referred to, it was ascertained that the following sources had no record concerning him:

The Credit Bureau, Washington, D. C.,
Potomac Credit Bureau, Arlington, Virginia,
Criminal and Identification Division, Metropolitan Police
Department,
Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Dept.,
Arlington County Police Department,
House Committee on Un-American Activities,
Washington T-3, a Federal agency which conducts personnel
investigations.

Washington T-4, T-5, T-6, and T-7, individuals who have in the past furnished reliable information concerning Communist activities in Washington, D. C., advised that subject was unknown to them.

On April 1, 1949, a 30-day mail cover was placed on the mail of subject at [] Arlington, Virginia.

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The files of the Washington Field Office and other sources indicated reveal the following information concerning persons noted in this report.

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Washington T-1 advised that in March, 1948 this individual was known to have made remarks to the effect that he was in favor of the appeasement of Russia and that the United States was going Fascist and should bring their troops out of Europe. He further stated that the United States was the cause of much of the unsettlement of Europe at the present time.

The personnel file of [] at the Army Security Agency reveals his birth as [] Brooklyn, New York, and his home address as [] Brooklyn. His Personal History

Statement executed August 11, 1947 reveals membership in the American Veterans Committee, Community Education, Inc., Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and the Washington Cooperative Bookshop. He resigned from the Arlington Hall Station April 19, 1948.

JOHN AMOTT

There is no record of JOHN AMOTT in the indices of the Washington Field Office.

ROWENA APSEL

Washington T-8, a representative of a Federal investigative agency, advised in June, 1947, that ROWENA APSEL, daughter of JACOB APSEL, is Executive Secretary of the "People's Party" and is reportedly an admitted Communist Party fellow traveller and close friend of GEORGE SELDES, Publisher of "In Fact".

In the report of March 29, 1944, Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, cited "In Fact" as a Communist front whose president and editor is GEORGE SELDES.

Washington T-9, a housewife who has furnished reliable information, advised in August, 1948 that ROWENA APSEL, whom she had met at Community Education, Inc., had suggested that she use the facilities of the Washington Bookshop.

The Washington Daily News newspaper issue of June 4, 1947, on page 28, featured an article entitled "The School on G Place", wherein it is stated that ROWENA APSEL is Executive Secretary of this school.

WARREN BLANDING

The Washington Daily News in the article above cited concerning "The School on G Place", lists BLANDING as a former editor of "Filibuster", a local humor magazine and head of the Writing Section of Community Education, Inc. It is noted that while in the Army, BLANDING headed "SKIZETTE", a service paper published in Colorado.

ELAINE "ELLIE" BRIMBERG

Washington T-10, who is well acquainted with the affairs of MAYNARD GERTLER and has furnished accurate information concerning same, advised that in March, 1947, GERTLER was in possession

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of a list of names of various individuals, one of whom was ELAINE BRIMBERG, Miller's College, Oakland, California. It is not known if these individuals are identical. CERTLER, who has resided in Washington, D. C., and New York, since 1939, is a known associate of members of the Communist Party as well as persons active in the Soviet Espionage Conspiracy in New York and Washington in the 1930's and early 1940's.

STANLEY E. COFFIN

There is no record of STANLEY E. COFFIN in the indices of the Washington Field Office.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION, INC.

The records of the Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D. C. reflect that Community Education, Inc., was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, October 23, 1945 as a non-profit educational institution in the arts and sciences. As evidenced by the 1946-1947 catalog, the official policy of this organization is inter-racial. Washington T-4 has advised that this organization is apparently not a Communist front or controlled by the Communist Party. Other reliable informants have stated that various persons connected with Community Education, Inc., have been associated with various organizations declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835 and cited by the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives. This organization is apparently not active at the present time.

HOWARD ISRAEL

There is no record of HOWARD ISRAEL in the indices of the Washington Field Office.

MYRON KAUFMAN

Washington T-10, who is acquainted generally with the personal activities of JUDITH COPLON early in March, 1949, advised that he knew that MIKE KAUFMAN, presently in Baltimore, Maryland with the Associated Press, had asked JUDITH for a date later in the month, it being recalled that KAUFMAN had previously met her through [redacted] at some restaurant.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN HEIDEMAN (JOAN MAC KENZIE)

There is no record of these people in the indices of the Washington Field Office.

JOHN DONALD MURPHY

There is no record of JOHN DONALD MURPHY in the indices of the Washington Field Office.

MRS. KATHLEEN PEARCE LEWIS, NEE KATHLEEN LOUISE PEARCE

This individual's Personal History Statement executed March 29, 1947 with the Army Security Agency, lists membership in the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

FRANCIS AND HELEN PORRAS

There is no record of FRANCIS or HELEN PORRAS in the indices of the Washington Field Office.

MRS. YAMPOLSKY

Washington T-12, who in the past has furnished accurate information concerning the activities of ELEANOR CULLEN BELSER, the former Secretary of the white collar group of the Communist Party, who at one time maintained the records of that group, advised that the address book of BELSER in December, 1947, was known to contain the name M. YAMPOLSKY.

The 201 file of ROBERT MEIER YAMPOLSKY at Arlington Hall Station revealed that in June, 1943 he was married to MARIAN BASCH YAMPOLSKY of 60 West 68th Street, New York. It is not known that either of these individuals is identical with the YAMPOLSKY above referred to.

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LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the results of the mail cover.

Will consider advisability of requesting Bureau permission to conduct personal interview with subject.

Copy of instant report is furnished New York Office for information in conjunction with the case of JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE-R.

Copy of report is furnished to Richmond Office due to the fact of employment and residence within the territory of that office.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

- T-1: Colonel HAROLD G. HAYES, Acting Chief, Army Security Agency, Arlington, Virginia.
- T-2: Highly confidential source having access to the indices of the Washington Bookshop who made information available December 13, 1947 as per page 30 of the report of SA CARL E. GRAHAM dated March 1, 1948, Washington, D. C., entitled Washington Bookshop Association, Internal Security - C.
- T-3: Investigative Division, Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.
- T-4:
- T-5:
- T-6:
- T-7:
- T-8: Captain GEORGE MALLESS, CIC, War Dept., who furnished this information June 6, 1947.
- T-9: New York City.
- T-10: Highly confidential source developed New York, March 11, 1947, as reflected page 46 report of SA JOHN HENRY DOYLE, New York, April 8, 1947 entitled GREGORY (MAYNARD GURTLER) ESPIONAGE - R.
- T-11: whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-12: Highly confidential source having access to the address book of ELEANOR CULLEN BELSER, 121 Joliet Street, S. W., on December 23, 1947.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

The Bureau's attention is referred to report of SA ROBERT H. PAUL dated August 25, 1948, Washington, D. C., entitled [redacted] Department of the Army, Arlington Hall, Virginia, LGE, wherein it is noted that investigative leads were set forth by the WFO for purpose of interviewing references and covering previous employments, etc. It is not deemed practicable to reset such leads in connection with instant espionage investigation.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : H. B. FLETCHER
SUBJECT: VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
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At 9:10 a.m. today, I talked with ASAC Belmont, New York, concerning the situation arising from the fact that Gubitchev will be released on \$100,000 bail. I told him that the Department wanted to determine the source of the funds for the bond. [Technical coverage had reflected that the \$100,000 was made available by Moscow.] I told Mr. Belmont that it was understood that a certified check would be furnished from which they could determine the bank, and inquiries at the bank should reveal the source of the funds so it would be available for evidence. I told him that as soon as this information was secured it should be furnished to Mr. Donegan, so that he could issue the proper subpoena to protect the bank. (U)

I pointed out to Mr. Belmont that it was most desirable that the Bureau be aware of the whereabouts of Gubitchev, that the Department apparently was in agreement that a surveillance would be impractical and no surveillance was being instructed. Mr. Belmont expressed the opinion that a surveillance would be impractical, but the New York Office realized that it must make every effort to keep track of Gubitchev, and, in fact, they were going to attempt a surveillance as one of the steps. He stated if it proved impractical it would be discontinued. He stated they were going to place stops with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Customs, the steamship companies and the air lines. [He said they were also going to alert their United Nations informants.] The technical surveillance is still installed on Gubitchev's residence. (U)

I told Mr. Belmont that he should distribute photographs of Gubitchev to INS and Customs [and check out every reservation made by the Russian Embassy.] I instructed that the same stops be placed at Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Norfolk. I suggested that these offices also be furnished photographs of Gubitchev. I instructed that photographs be furnished to the Washington Field Office. I suggested that he alert all the named offices to report the arrivals and departures of Soviet sailing vessels, so that the Immigration and Naturalization Service and Customs would be particularly alerted as to those boats.

Mr. Belmont stated that the New York Office would issue the appropriate instructions to the other offices as indicated. The New York Office will make every effort to keep track of the whereabouts of Gubitchev.

It is noted that Mr. Whearty advised me last night that it was believed that the Coplon case would be tried first in Washington on April 25. This, of course, will delay the trial of Gubitchev and complicate the coverage of him because it will extend the period of time that efforts to keep track of him must be made.

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Director, FBI

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 5, 1949.

You are authorized to interview who is presently employed by the Philippine Embassy. This matter has been cleared with the State Department,

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : *GH* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
 SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: April 5, 1949

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~~X~~ Rebutlet dated March 30, 1949, in which it is stated that unknown subject "ZORA" was employed by the OWI, probably in New York City.

Confidential Informant C-593 advised that JUDITH COPLON is an acquaintance of one [redacted]

The records of Stone's Mercantile Agency disclosed that as of January, 1946, [redacted] was [redacted] years of age, single, and resided at [redacted] N. W.; further that she had been employed by the Washington Times Herald newspaper since March, 1945 as a society reporter; that she formerly resided with her mother, [redacted] at [redacted] New York City; and that she was formerly in the employ of the OWI.

The records of OWI reflect that [redacted] was born [redacted] in New York City. She is the daughter of [redacted] New York City, and [redacted] deceased. Both of her parents were born in Russia. She attended Hunter College, 1938-41. She was employed from September, 1942 to October, 1942 by the New York Daily News; from October, 1942 to April, 1943, by Publishers Service; from April, 1943 to June, 1943, by the Walter Thompson Advertising Agency, New York City; and from June to October, 1943 by the Detroit Times newspaper. She was in the employ of the OWI in New York City from December 31, 1943 to June 28, 1944, at which time she voluntarily resigned, giving her reason as "job unsuited for writing abilities". Her file further disclosed that her name was formerly [redacted] and that she changed it to [redacted] for journalistic and professional reasons.

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Investigation has revealed that [redacted] left the employment of the Washington Times Herald on March 31, 1946; that in January of 1949 she was employed by the Truman Inaugural Committee; and that she is presently residing at the Meridian Hill Hotel in Washington, D. C.

A pretext call to this establishment has revealed that during the day, [redacted] leaves the telephone number HOBart-1400 as the number where she can be reached. This is the telephone number of the Philippine Embassy.

See NY 7-12-49
 Inasmuch as [redacted] resigned from OWI in June, 1944, she is apparently eliminated as a possible suspect in the identification of unknown subject "ZORA". However, inasmuch as she was employed in New York City by OWI in 1944, she may be able to furnish the names of individuals employed by OWI who were acquainted with COPLON. Permission is therefore being requested to interview [redacted]

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Judy's Spy Trial To Open Today

Ex-G-Girl Charged With Filching Secrets

Ex-government girl Judith Coplon goes on trial today on charges that she stole FBI spy secrets for a Russian agent.

The 27-year-old former Barnard college honor student will appear before federal Judge Richmond B. Keetch under a two-count indictment carrying a possible penalty of 26 years in prison and a \$24,000 fine.

The specific charge is that while she worked in the Justice department's foreign-agents-registration section she stole FBI data on espionage and counter-espionage activities in this country.

Present plans call for the Washington trial to cover only the alleged theft of the secrets.

After that Miss Coplon is scheduled to face another trial in New York with her alleged accomplice — Valentine Gubitchev, 32, a Russian engineer with the United Nations.

The New York charges carry a maximum penalty of 45 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine for each defendant. Gubitchev is seeking to escape trial on grounds that U. S. courts have no jurisdiction over him.

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April 19, 1949

SAC, New York

VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, Was
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There is transmitted herewith a copy of the stenographer's minutes of the hearing concerning JUDITH COPLON and VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV held at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York on April 14, 1949.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: April 19, 1949

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

On March 4, 1949, Washington Field Office Confidential Technical Informant C-593 advised that JUDITH COPLON was contacted by one MIKE KAUFMAN, Baltimore, Maryland, who asked her for a date for the night of March 15, 1949. The subject accepted and agreed to meet him in the lobby of the Raleigh Hotel at 7:30 P. M. on that date. KAUFMAN indicated that he was working for the AP; that he was a friend of [] and that he had met the subject in a restaurant sometime ago.

Among other documents on the subject's person at the time of her arrest at 9:36 P. M. on March 4, 1949 in New York City, was one dated March 3, 1949, in which she described her acquaintance with [] mentioning his employment with the Army Security Agency. In connection with this employment, it should be noted that [] has access to "top secret" material. In this document, the subject set forth [] background and her general impression of him. It is possible that he was under consideration for recruitment as a source of information in connection with Russian espionage.

In a loyalty investigation of [] in connection with his employment with the Army Security Agency, it was noted that in his loyalty form he listed membership in the American Veterans Committee and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. He was reported to have had KARL MARX' books in his room and to have regularly received literature from the Washington Bookshop Association. A former roommate and friend, [] was a member of the Washington Bookshop Association and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. [] was reported to have leftwing or liberal views regarding labor and social problems and to have advocated many things espoused by the Communist Party such as non-discrimination and non-segregation.

A fellow employee of [] reported that he had no reason to question [] loyalty but did not approve of [] association with MYRON KAUFMAN, a former military employee of the Army Security Agency. He stated that KAUFMAN and [] were close friends and that KAUFMAN impressed him as a person who was "very radical and definitely followed the Communist Party line," in that he supported policies advocated by the Communist Party regarding discrimination and segregation.

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
April 19, 1949

After COPLON's arrest, [] furnished an unsolicited chronological summary of his associations with COPLON to his superior officer at the Army Security Agency. In this summary, he mentioned that he had taken COPLON to Hogate's Restaurant in Washington, D. C. on a Sunday afternoon in November, 1946, and that the party included present and former Army Security Agency employees, among whom was MYRON KAUFMAN.

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It is believed desirable that the Baltimore Office locate and interview KAUFMAN concerning the extent of his associations with COPLON and as to his knowledge of her acquaintances, associates, activities, and political beliefs. At the same time, it is thought that some information of the same type may also be elicited from him concerning []

[] is presently the subject of a separate Espionage - R investigation being conducted by the Washington Field Office.

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R97/ Unless the Bureau advises to the contrary by April 22, 1949, the Baltimore Office is requested to conduct the above mentioned interview with KAUFMAN. The results of this interview should be furnished to the Bureau and the Washington Field Office.

SAC, Washington, D. C.

April 20, 1949

Director, FBI

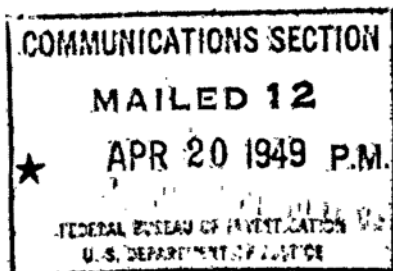
JUDITH COPLON, was.
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There has been received from Departmental Attorney John Kelley the attached Jury Panel lists. You are directed to make a credit, criminal and indices check of the Juror Panels of Criminal Court number 2 and number 3, which are believed to be the panels which will be used at Coplon's trial. In view of the trial's being scheduled for April 25, 1949 you will have to handle this matter so that the results reach the Bureau by April 22, 1949. If it is necessary to check more than the two above listed panels you will be advised.

Attachment

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Attachments received from Departmental Attorney John Kelley at 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 1949 with a request for Jury Panel Check. RJL



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ALBANY AND SAC, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO

JULIAN GORDON, was - R. INVESTIGATION REVEALS GORDON CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH RUSSIAN
 SPY RING WHICH WAS FORMED TWO SIX THREE FOUR ROAD, EL PASO, TEXAS
 MEXICO, MONTANA AND WASHINGTON. MUCH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REPORT
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 SO, IN FURTHERMORE, THE SUBJECT OF SAN FRANCISCO, JULIAN GORDON WAS APPROXIMATELY NAMED
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 ENGINEER IN AN AIR FORCE. GORDON WAS EMPLOYED BY FEDERAL BUREAU, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON,
 CONNECTED WITH THE RUSSIAN SPY RING WHICH WAS KNOWN TO GORDON, KNOWN TO HIM AS
 AND TWO SUBJECTS IN NEW YORK, YIPES HENRIKSON, WAS, AT TIME OF HIS ARREST, GORDON WAS
 EMPLOYED AS A POLITICAL ANALYST, FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION, JUSTICE DEPT., DC.
 THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW GORDON CONCERNING HIS
 ASSOCIATIONS WITH RUSSIAN, HIS ACTIVITIES, OTHER ASSOCIATES, AND TO OBTAIN AND SEND
 WHAT IS HIS CURRENT STATUS. REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY. TWO PAGES.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Director, FBI

Re: JUDITH COPLON
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Dear Sir:

Special Assistant to the Attorney General, THOMAS J. DONEGAN, supplied this office, on a confidential basis, with the testimony of [redacted] who testified before the Federal Grand Jury seated in the Southern District of New York on April 12, 1949.

A summary of [redacted] testimony is being set out hereinafter:

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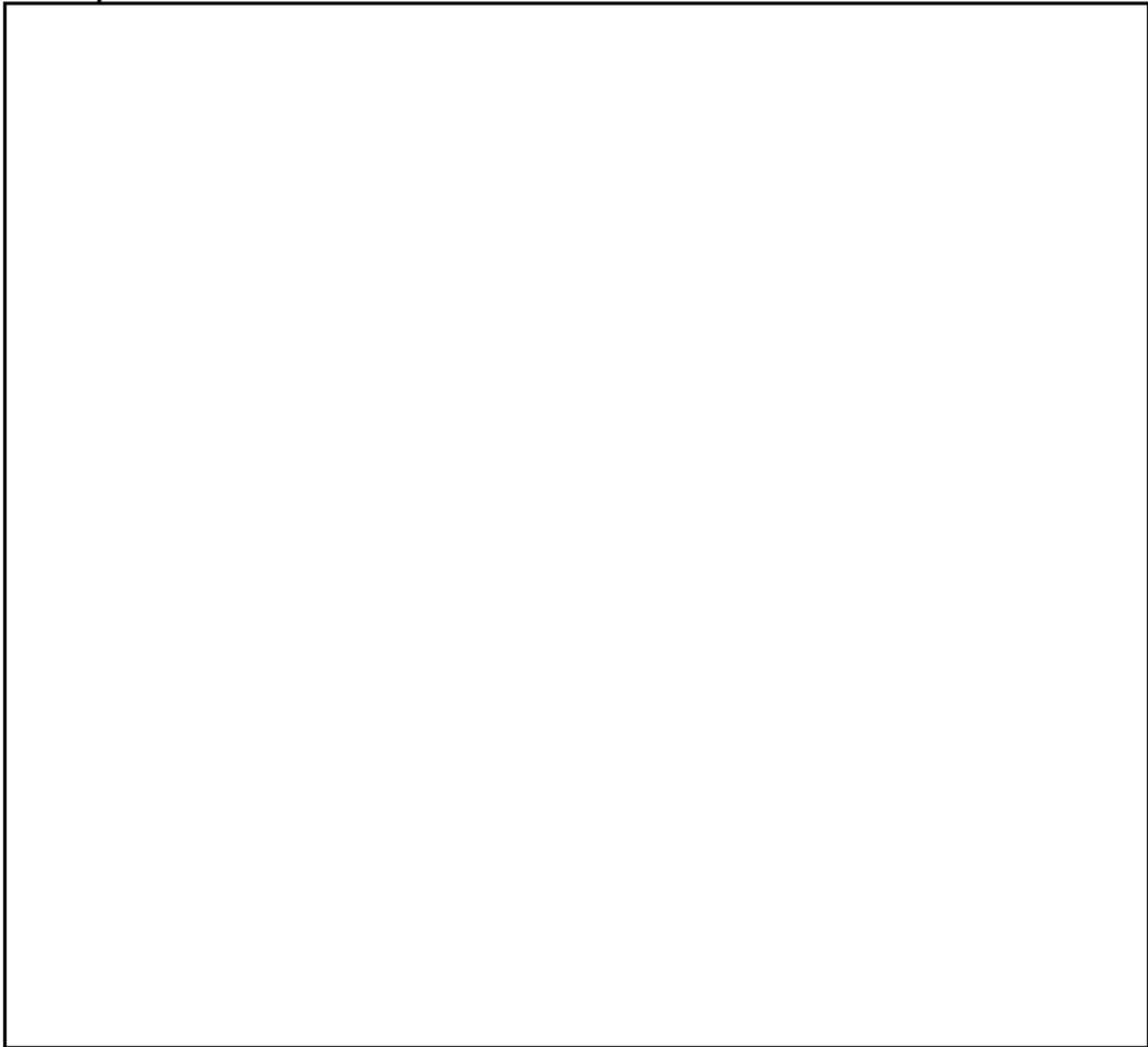
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As stated above, this testimony was given to this office on a confidential basis and the material should be treated as such.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC ^{Mr.}

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: April 21, 1949

FROM : MR. L. W. WHITSON

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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Miss Gandy	_____

For the record, Mr. Kelley has furnished the attached receipts for exhibits which were turned over to him on April 19, 1949. The receipts were prepared mainly in the interest of preserving the chain of evidence in this case.

RECOMMENDATION

For your information.

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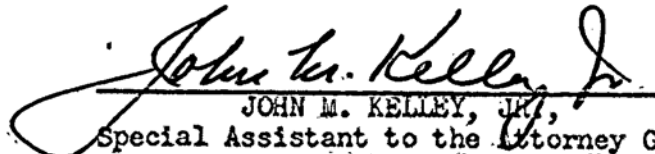
TO: SA Courtland Jones,
Room 1517,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, 25, D. C.

April 19, 1949

RE: UNITED STATES v. JUDITH COPLON

Receipt of this date is hereby acknowledged of the following documents:

Department of Justice Files containing F.B.I.
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and set forth on data slips # 1 through # 34.


JOHN M. KELLEY, JR.,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General,
ROOM 2724, CRIMINAL DIVISION.

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TO: SA Frederick E. Webb,
Room 7338,
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Washington, 25, D. C.

April 19, 1949

RE: UNITED STATES v. JUDITH COPLON

Receipt of this date is hereby acknowledged of the following documents:

- Q1 Beginning [redacted] who is familiar with the activities of [redacted] b7E
[redacted] ..".
- Q2 Name "JACOB LEON GYER, aka JACK GYER" appearing at top.
- Q3 Name at the top "LEONA SARON".
- Q4 Name "Dr. ARAM AIS AKOB HOVSEPIAN, was" appearing at the top.
- Q5 Name "PHILLIP LEVY" appearing at the top.
- Q6 Name "WILLIAM J. RAGIN, was", appearing at the top.
- Q7 Name at the top "KRSTIC".
- Q8 Name "CLARA JURAVCOFF", appearing at the top.
- Q9 Name "PAUL JURACOFF", appearing at the top.
- Q10 Name "HAROLD BEERMAN", appearing at the top.
- Q11 Name "STUART LEGG", appearing at the top.
- Q12 Beginning "Subject, in interview, denies knowing Dorothea Keene,".
- Q13 Beginning "In March 1946, subject had in her address book the name of Ruth Gruber..."
- Q14 Beginning "Reference teletype indicated that Dept of State..."
- Q15 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "ARTKINO 'Admiral NAKHIMOV' was reviewed by the writer at the....".
- Q16 Two 5 x 8 sheets bearing typewriting, first beginning "ELI POTASH, was On 7/19/48 subject phoned Confidential Informant SF 1463, made....", second beginning "him re renting the theatre to show a Russian musical....".
- Q17 Three-page 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, first page bearing typewritten name at the top "Dr. ROBERT LINCOLN LESLIE", second page beginning "though not invited, accompanied Dr. JULIUS HYMAN, to the....", third page beginning "Inasmuch as this investigation has not....".

- Q18 Two-page 5 x 8 abstract form used by Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, first page bearing typewritten name at the top "LIDIA PAVIL DE PAVIGLI (TACCONI)", second page beginning "In 4/48 received letter from subject, postmarked...", and accp. blank sheet of paper.
- Q19 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting begging "MICHAEL WALDEN T-2 advised on 5/20/48 that VICTOR AFANASIEV was in...".
- Q20 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "BORIS ATANASSOFF EVANOFF GOUGOFF, was. JACK EVANOFF, JACK EVANS, BORIS ATANASSOFF, etc. Source A stated subject a...".
- Q21 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "GEORGE DIMITROV SOTIROV Subject reported by Informant as suspected of working....".
- Q22 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "SAMUEL GORDON This investigation based on info that ten American seamen, discharged...".
- Q23 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "EUGENIO CHAVEZ EP T-1, advised that subject employed as barber at...".
- Q24 Three 5 x 8 sheets bearing typewriting, first page beginning "IRINA (IRAIDA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, was BOZHIDAR KOSSIMIR ALEKSANDER, was This report predicated on info...", second page beginning "Russian agent in Yugo and Austria prior...", third page beginning "Sill stated that approximately once a month, an...".
- Q25 Name at the top "NAPOLI".
- Q26 Names at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA" and "JACOB LOMAKIN".
- Q27 Names at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA" and "VICTOR AFANASIEV", attached sheet beginning "of four inches by five inches in the newspaper, the...".
- Q28 Names at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA" and "SOOHOFF".
- Q29 Name at the top "NOVAYA ZARYA", beginning "On Aug. 13, 1948 Source O was interviewed by sp. Agts.", attached sheet beginning "White Russian circles. These articles have...".
- Q30 Name at the top "General NICOLAE RADESCU", attached sheet beginning "exiled political leaders were this far unable to get...".
- Q31 Name at the top "KRAMAR", beginning "KRAMAR state to the informant (T-2) that his present...", attached sheet beginning "The (Immigration) file further contained a letter dated...".
- Q32 Name at the top "KRAMAR", beginning "In connection with obtaining his present employment, KRAMER...".
- Q33 Name at the top "NICHOLAS GEORGE NICHOLAS, w/a".
- Q34 Name at the top "MARIO JOSEPH PEZZOLA".
- Q35 5 x 8 sheet bearing typewriting beginning "I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the...".
- Q36 Long sheet of paper dated "3/3/49", bearing the typewritten name at the top

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beginning "I first met [] as he is known, in the summer..."

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- Q37 Long sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "As for [] personality--he is seemingly sincere, intelligent, ...".
- Q38 Long sheet of paper bearing typewriting beginning "just previous to coming to Washington she worked as a volunteer..."
- Q39 Sheet of paper bearing handwriting on both sides beginning "Bureau using 2 highly placed Amtorg officials as informants..." found in COPLON's purse.
- Q40 Blank sheet of paper found in COPLON's purse bound with scotch tape.
- Q41 Cover sheet for "BELLE-SHARMEER STOCKINGS".
- Q42 Blank 3½ x 6 inches envelope.
- Q43 Blank 3½ x 6 inches envelope having a piece of scotch tape attached.

Known typewriting specimens taken from the following typewriters:

<u>MAKE</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
K1 Royal	KMM2585483	Room 2216, U.S. Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.
K2 Royal	KMM-2562236	Room 2220, U.S. Dept. of Justice Bldg., Washington, D. C.

K13 Typewriting specimens taken from a CORONA Standard Portable typewriter, serial number 1C180116.

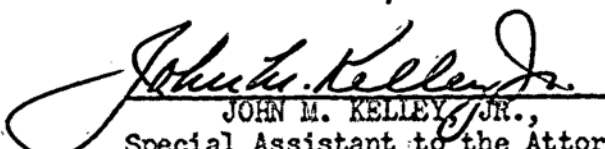
In addition to the foregoing receipt is also acknowledged of the following documents:

1. Handwritten letter dated March 26, 1949, addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., signed by JUDITH COPLON.
2. Handwritten letter dated March 26, 1949, addressed to FAIRMAC CORP., signed by JUDITH COPLON.

In addition to the foregoing receipt is also acknowledged of the data sheets secured directly from the files of the Criminal Division, Department

of Justice, by SA Courtland Jones, more particularly described as follows:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>F.B.I. LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION</u>
Napoli	65-58365 K20 (Original and 1 Carbon)
Novaya Zarya	" K21 (Original and 3 Carbons)
Novaya Zarya	" K22 (Original and 2 Carbons)
Novaya Zarya	" K23 (Original only)
Novaya Zarya	" K24 (Original and 3 Carbons)
General Nicolae Radescu	" K25 (Original only)
Czechoslovakian Metal and Engineering Industry	" K26 (Original and 5 Carbons)
Kramar	" K27 (Original only)
Nicholas George Nicholas, w/a	" K28 (Original and 1 Carbon)
General Nicolae Radescu	" K30 (2 Carbons)


JOHN M. KELLEY, JR.,
Special Assistant to the Attorney General,
Room 2724, Criminal Division.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/7/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24, 25, 28-30/49	REPORT MADE BY JOHN A. RUEHLE (A)
TITLE JUDITH COPLON			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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War bond applications by subject examined except for four which cannot be located. All purchased by subject except two which probably were purchased by SAMUEL M. COPLON and one by one EMILY T. SATTENSTEIN aka SATTEN, nee SIEGEL, an employee of Frederick Loeser and Co., Brooklyn, who it appears may be acquainted with subject. Closed bank account located for JUDITH COPLON at Seamen's Savings Bank, NYC. and open accounts for SAMUEL and REBECCA COPLON, [redacted] and other relatives at Greater New York Savings Bank, Brooklyn, N.Y. Investigation also indicates possible account for SAMUEL COPLON at National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Albany, New York.

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., 3/28/49, New York
Washington Field letter to Bureau, 3/21/49.

DETAILS:

At New York, New York

This report is the joint investigation of the writer, SA (A) JAMES P. WOOTEN, and SA (A) MARTIN J. MC GUINN.

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This report is based on a request contained in a letter dated March 21, 1949, from the Washington Field Office to the Bureau, a copy of which was designated for the New York Office, in which letter there was set forth a list of savings bonds issued in the name of JUDITH COPLON for the period January, 1942 to the present time, which bonds were purchased in New York City.

The New York Office was requested to check all bond applications to determine, if possible, the individual who made the purchase and whether the bonds were purchased by cash or check and also to locate, if possible, bank accounts for the subject.

Greater New York Savings Bank
Church and Mc Donald Avenues
Brooklyn, New York

The following investigation was conducted by the writer through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-1. It was determined that the following accounts, either open or closed, are reflected in the files of the Greater New York Savings Bank, Church and Mc Donald Avenues, Brooklyn, for members and relatives of the COPLON family.

1. Account No. 106717 in the name of REBECCA COPLON, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York:

This account was opened May 29, 1945 with a deposit of cash in the amount of \$200.00. A transcript of this account was prepared but the account has not been active and no large withdrawals have been made, the largest being in the amount of \$50.00. There has been no activity in the account since November 20, 1946 and the balance as of January 1, 1948, including interest, was \$7.01.

All deposits were made in cash with the exception of one made June 10, 1946 in the amount of \$196.64, the deposit slip for which reflected that there was a check drawn on Bank #29-7 which is the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Albany, New York.

The signature card for REBECCA COPLON reflects the following personal history. She was born in Albany, New York either March 15, 1892 or March 10, 1890 as a different birthdate appears in two different places. Her father was JULIUS KOSKOH and her mother was named ZELDA. Her husband is SAMUEL COPLON and her occupation was listed as housewife.

2. Account No. 97046 in the name of ~~SAMUEL M. COPLON~~ or REBECCA COPLON (either or survivor). This account has been carried on the books under the names ~~COPLON~~, ~~COFLOW~~ and ~~COPLON~~.

A transcript of this account was prepared, reflecting that the account was opened December 10, 1943 with a deposit of \$1,140.00, consisting of \$140.00 in bills, an \$800.00 check drawn on the National City Bank of New York and a \$200.00 check drawn on the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, New York City.

All deposit slips for the life of this account were examined by the writer as well as all withdrawal tickets for sums over \$100.00. In addition, withdrawal tickets for frequently occurring items were also examined.

With reference to deposits it was noted that numerous deposits in the amount of \$200.00 were made at approximately one month intervals as well as other items ranging from \$100.00 to \$400.00. The majority of the checks deposited were reflected to have been drawn on the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, particularly the \$200.00 items.

On November 24, 1944 there was included in deposit a check in the amount of \$14.70, drawn on the Trade Bank and Trust Company, New York City.

On April 14, 1945 there was included in the deposit a check in the amount of \$12.10, drawn on Bank #7-73 which is the Maryland Trust Company, Baltimore, Maryland.

On June 4, 1945, a \$200.00 deposit was reflected to be an Albany check (Albany, New York) as was a \$200.00 deposit on October 6, 1945, a \$1,000.00 deposit on January 14, 1946 and a \$200.00 deposit on June 22, 1948.

A deposit slip for November 7, 1945, in the amount of \$200.00, reflected the bank number as #26-7 which number does not exist at the present time and which would be a bank in Memphis, Tennessee, were there such a number. It is believed that this is in all likelihood an error on the part of the bank teller and that it was believed to be 29-7.

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There were numerous withdrawals in the amount of \$30.00, \$80.00, \$28.00 and \$38.00. However, a spot check of a considerable number of these items reflected that all of them were cash withdrawals and the smaller amounts were withdrawn by REBECCA COPLON.

All withdrawals in excess of \$100.00 were examined and with the exception of two items all were made in cash. A withdrawal of \$103.00 on May 13, 1946 could not be checked as the withdrawal slip could not be located.

On March 9, 1945 a withdrawal in the amount of \$1,000.00 was used for the purchase of a teller's check #183707, payable to SAMUEL M. COPLON and endorsed by him to National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Albany, New York, at which bank it was deposited.

A withdrawal of \$250.00 on April 4, 1946 was used to purchase teller's check #204099, payable to SAMUEL M. COPLON and endorsed in like manner.

The balance remaining in the joint account of SAMUEL M. COPLON and REBECCA COPLON as of January 1, 1949, date of the last entry in the account was \$284.03. However, there has been no activity in the account, except the accumulation of interest, since a deposit made on June 22, 1948.

The signature cards for SAMUEL M. COPLON or REBECCA COPLON reflect the following information concerning SAMUEL M. COPLON. His address is 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. He was born in Troy, New York, March 31, 1879. His father was MORRIS COPLON and his mother BERTHA GREENBERG. His wife is REBECCA COPLON and his occupation, as of December 10, 1943, was that of traveling salesman. *Copied*

3. Account No. 99798 in the name of [redacted] This account was examined in some detail due to the fact that [redacted] purchased a war bond for JUDITH COPLON as will be set forth later herein.

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The signature card on [redacted] reflected that she was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; [redacted] that her father is [redacted] and her mother [redacted] her husband is [redacted] and her occupation is that of housewife. Her address is [redacted] Brooklyn, New York.

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It was noted that she previously had Account No. 90366 which was transferred to the present account no. 99798 for some reason unstated but Confidential Informant T-1 believed that she probably had lost her pass book and that this was the reason for closing the previous account.

Her account was opened November 9, 1942 with a deposit of \$25.00. There was little activity in it up until September 7, 1943 when she deposited a check in the amount of \$1,239.03. This consisted of three checks in the amounts of \$70.95, \$1.50 and \$1,166.58, concerning which checks there was no information on the deposit slip.

On September 15, 1943 the amount of \$975.00 was withdrawn in cash. Subsequent to May, 1944 deposits slips were examined for this account and it was noted that numerous small checks drawn on Bank #1-750 and #1-757 were deposited by her. Bank #1-750 is the Industrial Bank of Commerce, New York City and Bank #1-757 is the bank number which is no longer in use.

[redacted] has deposited a number of small checks ranging up to \$400.00, drawn on New Jersey banks, including Bank #55-32 which is the Hudson County National Bank, Jersey City, New Jersey. She has also frequently deposited U.S. Treasury checks in the amount of \$37.00 each. She likewise deposited on May 10, 1948 a check in the amount of \$50.60, drawn on Bank #29-173, according to the deposit slip, which bank, however, is not in existence at the present time, according to the current Banker's Directory.

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She deposited on April 23, 1946 a \$500.00 check drawn on Bank #12-75 which is the City Bank and Trust Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

An examination was made of the larger withdrawals from this account and the following information was disclosed concerning a deposit and withdrawal in the amount of \$850.00 made on May 23, 1944. A notation on the back of the deposit slip reflects that checks of [redacted] drawn on the Morris Plan Industrial Bank, New York City, were deposited and withdrawn for the purchase of a bond, Series G, in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Remaining withdrawals were made in cash with the exception of the following checks:

On May 11, 1946 the amount of \$400.00 was withdrawn, the withdrawal ticket being marked "check" but no record could be located of a check having been issued by the bank to [redacted] on this date.

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On June 3, 1946 the amount of \$500.00 was withdrawn and used to purchase teller's check #206021, payable to [redacted] and endorsed by her to [redacted] and deposited in the Hudson County Bank and Trust Company, Jersey City, New Jersey.

On August 8, 1947 the amount of \$500.00 was withdrawn and utilized to purchase check #219646, payable to [redacted] endorsed by her and deposited in Branch No. 55 of the National City Bank of New York which is the Flatbush Branch.

The account of [redacted] was closed July 30, 1948 with a final withdrawal of \$25.32.

It was determined at the Greater New York Savings Bank that war bond #Q 271,032,025 E, in the denomination of \$25.00, was purchased by [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, for JUDITH COPLON, 2506 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York.

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The remaining bond, listed in referenced letter from Washington Field to the Bureau, March 21, 1949, was determined to have been issued to Miss JUDITH COPLON by the Greater New York Savings Bank but the application could not be located by Confidential Informant T-1.

The account of [redacted] does not reflect a withdrawal of any money on or near the date of the purchase of this bond. This bond is "Q 352,758,662 E and bore the issuing date of February, 1944. Informant T-1 checked bond applications for the entire month of February, 1944 for all persons to whom bonds were sold, with negative results. His ledger record of persons to whom bonds were sold reflects, however, that a bond was sold to JUDITH COPLON during February, 1944.

4. Account No. 34328 in the name of ~~MARTHA WOLIN~~ in trust for ~~MORRIS WOLIN~~. The account card for this account reflects that the present address for ~~MARTHA WOLIN~~ is 1250 Drexel Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, and that a previous address was apparently 47 Chester Avenue, Brooklyn and prior to that, possibly in 1932, it was 326 East Second Street, Brooklyn, New York.

~~MARTHA WOLIN~~ was born in Russia, April 12, 1893. Her father is ~~MORRIS WOLIN~~, whose occupation is grocer, and her mother was ROSE, no last name given.

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In addition to a savings account it was determined that MARTHA WOLIN presently has safe deposit box #1193 at this institution to which box MORRIS WOLIN also has access.

The present balance in this account is \$23.49. There have been no transactions since September 13, 1948 when the amount of \$2,060.00 was withdrawn, leaving the present balance.

It was noted that on October 31, 1946 a withdrawal in the amount of \$4,092.89 was made from this account. There were several large withdrawals between February 29, 1932, when the account was opened, and February 2, 1944.

5. Account No. 82115 in the name of [redacted] This account reflected a transfer from a previous account number 55524.

[redacted] presently resides at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York and on June 2, 1941 resided at [redacted] Brooklyn, New York. The date of the change of address was not given.

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[redacted] was born [redacted] in Brooklyn, New York. Her father is [redacted] and her mother [redacted] (or [redacted])
MRS.

This account has not been at all active. The balance on March 28, 1949 was \$97.94 which amount includes a deposit on March 28, 1949 of \$96.11.

6. Account No. 90721 in the name of MORRIS WOLIN. The account card reflects that MORRIS WOLIN resided on November 30, 1942 at 327 East Third Street, Brooklyn, New York. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, April 1, 1921. His father is HAYMAN WOLIN and his mother's name was not stated. His occupation was set forth as "cook".

There has been no activity in the account and very small deposits and withdrawals. There has been no activity since December 15, 1943 and the present balance is \$1.00.

7. Account No. 101874 in the name of MARTHA WOLIN or [redacted] (either or survivor).

Account card reflects the address of MARTHA WOLIN on October 2, 1944 was [redacted] Brooklyn and that [redacted] resided at the same address. With reference to MARTHA WOLIN, it was set forth that she was born April 27, 1898 in New York City. Her father is LOUIS SAFTLER (deceased) and her mother PAULINE SHULTER (deceased). Her husband is MORRIS WOLIN and her occupation is housewife.

MRS
The signauure card reflects the following information on [redacted]
[redacted] was born in Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] Her father is [redacted] and her mother [redacted] As of September 30, 1944 she was employed as a bookkeeper. The account was examined and it was noted that the initial deposit in the account was \$1,164.33. Subsequent to that time there were no large deposits or withdrawals with the exception of the last withdrawal in the account, which was made September 2, 1948 in the amount of \$1,849.00.

Since that time there has been no activity in the account and the balance is now \$15.02. It is possible that MARTHA WOLIN has withdrawn the bulk of the money in her two accounts in connection with her moving to Miami Beach, Florida. The balance remaining in this account is \$15.02.

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Mrs & Mrs
8. Account No. 111895 in the name of [redacted] and [redacted] (either or survivor). The account cards for this account reflect that they resided at [redacted] as of February 23, 1946. The file reflected the change of address on December 11, 1948 to [redacted] Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

It was reflected that [redacted] was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. [redacted] His father is [redacted] and his mother [redacted] His wife is [redacted] He produced, upon the opening of this account, identification in the form of his Army Serial Number which was 32999563.

Mrs & Mrs
With reference to [redacted] it was noted that she was born in New York City, [redacted] Her father is [redacted] and her mother [redacted] Her husband is [redacted] Her occupation is housewife.

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The initial deposit in this account on February 23, 1946 was \$149.87, including a \$37.50 check drawn on Bank #61-56 which is reflected in the Banker's Directory as Commercial National Bank, Anniston, Alabama and a check in the amount of \$63.95 drawn by the Treasurer of the United States. The balance in this account as of January 1, 1949 was \$61.00.

The balance in the account during the period from July, 1948 to November, 1948 was in the neighborhood of \$1,000.00 at most times.

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There is contained in the file of the bank information that [redacted] maintained a safe-keeping account for war bonds which is now closed. This account reflected the purchase of 80 or 90 bonds in the amount of \$25.00 each, and by letter of December 11, 1948 [redacted] instructed the bank to close his safe-keeping account and forward him bonds in the amount of \$2,310.00 to his new address in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

The above letter is typewritten and is on the letterhead of [redacted]

9. Account No. 116749 in the name of [redacted] or [redacted] (either or survivor). This account was opened September 16, 1946 and the address of both parties at this time was [redacted] Brooklyn, New York.

[redacted] was reflected as having been born in Brooklyn, New York, [redacted] His father was [redacted] and his mother [redacted] (or [redacted]). His wife is [redacted] His occupation in September, 1946 was stenographer. It was also reflected that he was in the United States Navy in 1943.

With reference to [redacted] the records reflected that she was born in New York City. [redacted] Her father was [redacted] and her mother [redacted] Her husband is [redacted] Her occupation as of September, 1946 was student.

It was reflected that this account was formerly Account No. 97295 in the name of [redacted] or DANIEL WOLIN but the account card was marked to the effect that DANIEL WOLIN was deceased and on September 16, 1946 the account was transferred to the present account in the name of [redacted] and [redacted]

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The signature card for DANIEL WOLIN reflected that he resided at 107 Webster Avenue, Brooklyn, New York and was born in Russia, December 15, 1894. His father was LEON WOLIN and his mother SOPHIE LEAVITT. His wife was FANNIE WOLIN and his occupation was that of "law contractor". *Wolins*

There were also located the following closed accounts which might possibly be identical with the members of the COPLON family but whose connection could not be established on the basis of information contained in the bank's records:

Mr. 9 Mrs. 2. Account No. 28194 in the name of Mrs. BERNICE COPLON and or I. H. COPLON. The signature cards reflect that these individuals resided at 564 East Third Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Coplon BERNICE COPLON was born October 1, 1906 in New York City. Her father was SAMUEL AARON and her mother FRIEDA. Her husband's name is IRVING. The signature card on I. H. COPLON reflected that he was born October 29, 1902 in Birmingham, Alabama. His father is DAVE and his mother LENA and his wife BERNICE.

2. Account No. 37200 in the name of I. H. COPLON. The signature card reflects that this is the same individual previously mentioned in addition to other background information his occupation was listed as route salesman.

3. Account No. 35979 in the name of BERNICE COPLON. It appeared from the signature card that this individual was the same as the one mentioned previously. Her occupation was listed as housewife and her mother's name as FREDA MEYERS.

The ledger cards for the above three accounts were examined by the writer and it was noted that balances were small and the accounts were inactive.

To summarize information received from the Greater New York Savings Bank it should be noted that in addition to the bank accounts which were located and examined that the war bond application form filled out by the purchaser could only be located in one instance.

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Frederick Loeser and Company
Brooklyn, New York

Referenced letter from Washington Field Office to the Bureau, dated March 21, 1949, reflects that six bonds were purchased in the name of JUDITH COPLON at this institution, which is a large department store. Five of these bonds were in the denomination of \$25.00 each and the remaining one was a \$100.00 bond.

Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-2 a thorough search was made for the application forms relating to these bonds. Application forms were located in each instance except for bond number Q 669,582,788 E, issued May, 1945, in the denomination of \$25.00.

With reference to the applications which were located the following is noted:

Bond #Q 548,626,754 E, in a \$25.00 denomination, was purchased by JUDITH COPLON for same on December 11, 1944. This bond was paid for by check and was mailed to Miss COPLON. However, there is no information as to the bank upon which this check was drawn.

Bond #C 93788137, in the denomination of \$100.00, was purchased in the name of JUDITH COPLON and instructions were to deliver this bond to her but the space designated for name of purchaser is blank. This bond was likewise paid for by check and was mailed to the customer.

Bond #Q 720,436,942 E was purchased by SAMUEL M. COPLON on November 6, 1945 or November 9, 1945 (as both dates appear) and was inscribed in the name of JUDITH COPLON with instructions to deliver same to Mr. SAMUEL M. COPLON, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

This bond was likewise paid for by check and was mailed.

Bond #Q 544,476,023 E was purchased December 1, 1944 in the name of Miss JUDITH COPLON, with instructions to deliver to same but the space provided for the name of purchaser is blank. The handwriting on the application appears to possibly have been written by SAMUEL M. COPLON.

This bond was likewise paid for by check and mailed to the customer.

Bond #Q 449,946,363 E was purchased July 7, 1944 in the name of Miss JUDITH COPLON. The name of the purchaser is set forth as EMILY SATTEN. There is also attached to the application form an application form of the Post Office Department which is filled out in the name of Miss JUDITH COPLON and is dated July 5, 1944.

There is no notation on this application that the bond was paid for by check and Informant T-2 expressed the opinion that it was paid for in cash.

Confidential Informant T-3, at Frederick Loeser and Company, advised the writer that there was an employee of Frederick Loeser and Company by the name of EMILY SATTEN but that this individual would not normally have sold war bonds during any of the store's war bond drives. It was determined, however, that she might have been pressed into service for emergency use.

A thorough search of the records of the store was made by the writer and Informant T-3 in an effort to locate a record of the various store employees who worked on the various bond drives conducted by the store. Only one list could be located which appeared to be a complete roster and this list did not contain the name of EMILY SATTEN.

It should be noted that during this search of the records an attempt was also made to locate an open or closed charge account for JUDITH COPLON with negative results.

Confidential Informant T-3 produced the personnel file on EMILY SATTEN which reflected the following information:

Mrs. Y. Zee
Her correct name is Mrs. EMILY SATTENSTEIN (nee SIEGEL) who is the wife of SAMUEL SATTENSTEIN. They reside at 317 Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn, New York and have telephone number President 2-0326. They formerly had telephone number President 3-9614. On the record card where this information is contained there is a notation, care of Mrs. LEWITT or LEAVITT (?).

EMILY SATTENSTEIN, who is known as EMILY SATTEN, was born May 10, 1901 in New York City. Her Social Security Number is 053-09-9529. It was determined that she has a grade school and high school education. EMILY SATTENSTEIN was employed at Frederick Loeser and Company November 23, 1936 and she has been working as a sales girl. She is presently in Housewares, Department 166.

Informant T-3 advised that [redacted] whose name has been legally changed to [redacted] also is employed at Frederick Loeser and Company. He was born [redacted] is married and resides at [redacted] Forest Hills, New York.

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At the time of her employment by Frederick Loeser and Company, EMILY SATTENSTEIN resided at 395 Maple Street, Brooklyn, New York. There was subsequently a change of address, undated, to 388 Midwood Street, Brooklyn, and finally a change of address, also undated, to 317 Lefferts Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

The personnel file reflected an inquiry on July 8, 1946, by the National City Bank of New York regarding a checking account (presumably for EMILY SATTENSTEIN). The file further reflected that EMILY SATTENSTEIN as EMILY SATTEN has filed a compensation claim for injury sustained in February, 1949, to her knee, resulting from a fall which took place during her lunch hour. She was treated by Dr. D. M. McCARTHY, the house physician for Frederick Loeser and Company, and subsequently ex-rayed at Holy Family Hospital, 155 Dean Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The above information is set forth for the reason that the name EMILY SATTEN is set forth in the application form for the war bond purchased in July, 1944 in the space provided for "Name of Purchaser". It is further pointed out that her telephone number, as set forth on her personnel form, is in care of Mrs. LEWITT or LEVITT although it is not known whether this notation refers to her present or former telephone number.

It is to be pointed out that in the examination of bank accounts located at the Greater New York Savings Bank, Church and McDonald Avenues, Brooklyn, New York, the signature card on one DANIEL VOLIN, deceased, reflected that his mother's name was Mrs. SOPHIE LEVITT.

The indices of the New York Office are negative regarding SATTEN and regarding EMILY, [redacted] or S. MUELLER SATTENSTEIN. Investigation is continuing to determine whether or not this individual is known to JUDITH COPLON.

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The application forms which were located at Frederick Loeser and Company were obtained by the writer and photographed. These photographs will be forwarded to the Bureau by separate letter.

Brooklyn Post Office
Kingsway Station
Brooklyn, New York

The following investigation was conducted regarding bond #Q 89,106,019 E, issued in the name of Miss JUDITH COPLON, December, 1942, in the denomination of \$25.00, which bond was reflected in referenced letter to have been purchased at this Post Office Station.

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Inquiry at the above Post Office Station reflected that applications were filed at Sheepshead Station of the Brooklyn Post Office, located at Avenue U and Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Confidential Informant T-4, at the Sheepshead Station, located the application form for the purchase of this bond. This application was dated December 22, 1942 at the Kingsway Station and the name of the purchaser was indicated to be Miss JUDITH COPLON. This name was printed. There was no indication in the records of the post office as to whether this bond was paid for in cash or by check.

Bank of Manhattan Company
2 Park Avenue
New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA(A) MARTIN J. McGUINN.

Through Confidential Informant T-5, at the Main Office of the Bank of Manhattan Company, 40 Wall Street, New York City, it was determined that the records of the bank reflected a sale of bond #C 92,967,819 E, in the denomination of \$100.00, was in the name of Miss JUDITH COPLON, 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. The application for the purchase of this bond cannot, however, be located by the bank. There is likewise no indication as to whether the bond was purchased by cash or check. Therefore, the name of the purchaser cannot be determined until the bank is able to locate the application, the search for which is continuing.

Seamen's Bank for Savings
New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted by SA(A) JAMES P. WOOTEN.

Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant T-6, at the Seamen's Bank for Savings, 74 Wall Street, New York City, the records were checked and it was determined that JUDITH COPLON, 2506 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York, maintained savings account #1,107,892 at that bank from October 6, 1943 to February 14, 1945.

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The signature card on JUDITH COPLON reflected that she was born in 1921, Brooklyn, New York and that she was employed as Research Expert. Her parents were listed as SAMUEL and REBECCA, her brother as BERTRUM and she had no sisters.

The following transcript of her account was obtained and is set forth.

Date	Withdrawal	Deposit	Interest	Balance
10/6/43		ck *167.94		**167.94
11/4/43		ck ***40.40		**208.34
11/16/43		ck ***31.66		**240.00
12/1/43		ck **35.41		**275.41
12/4/43	**20.00			**255.41
12/27/43	**40.00			**215.41
1/3/44	**30.00			**185.41
1/19/44		ck **46.59		**232.00
1/31/44		ck **31.66		**263.66
2/16/44		ck **37.66		**301.32
3/1/44		ck **94.76		**396.08
4/1/44		ck **26.66		**422.74
4/18/44		ck **31.66		**454.40
5/4/44		ck **45.41		**499.81
5/8/44	**70.00			**429.81
5/15/44		ck **85.41		**515.22
6/5/44		ck **21.66		**536.88
6/26/44	**20.00			**516.88
6/29/44	Int. to July		**2.28	**519.16
6/30/44		ck **21.66		**540.82
8/2/44		ck **31.66		**572.48
10/10/44		ck **80.41		**652.89
10/31/44		ck **30.41		**683.30
12/22/44		ck **53.36		**736.66
12/26/44	**60.00			**676.66
12/29/44	Int. to Jan.		**4.17	**680.83
1/17/45	**50.00			**630.83
2/14/45	*630.83			****0.00

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The final withdrawal of \$630.83, on February 14, 1945, appears to have been made as follows:

\$60.00 in cash and a check in the amount of \$570.83, check number 57855, dated February 14, 1945, payable to JUDITH COPLON, endorsed by same and deposited in the Lincoln National Bank, Washington, D.C. The cancelled check was obtained from the bank and photostated as were the ledger card and the signature card for this account.

Deposits were analyzed by SA(A) WOOTEN and it was determined that in most instances where the deposit of a check is indicated that a check in the amount of \$80.41 was actually deposited and that cash was returned to the customer. For example, the deposit of \$37.66 on February 16, 1944 was made in the following manner.

A check in the amount of \$80.41 was deposited, \$20.00 was returned to JUDITH COPLON and \$18.75 was used to purchase a bond. The net remaining amount of \$37.66 was deposited in the account.

In most instances cash was returned to the depositor.

Details of all deposits will not be set forth inasmuch as they were all handled in a similar manner. The deposit of June 5, 1944 was a check in the amount of \$80.41 from which \$40.00 was returned to the customer and \$18.75 was utilized to purchase a bond, leaving a net deposit of \$21.66. On May 15, 1944 a deposit of \$85.41 included a \$5.00 money order.

The deposit slips did not identify the banks upon which the deposited checks were drawn.

Confidential Informant T-6 advised that although the ledger sheet showing the deposits of November 16 and December 1, 1943 reflect that checks were deposited, the actual deposit slips indicated cash deposits were made. Informant stated that he believed that instant slips were incorrectly made out and that actually checks of unknown amounts were presented to the bank and that a portion of the value of each check was returned to the depositor and the remainder deposited in the subject's account.

An examination of withdrawal slips indicated that all withdrawals were received in cash except for the final withdrawal of \$630.83, previously explained.

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An examination of U.S. Savings Bonds Applications revealed that all of the bonds listed in referenced letter of Washington Field to the Bureau, dated March 21, 1949, were purchased by Miss JUDITH COPLON as follows:

DATE OF PURCHASE	PURCHASE PRICE	SERIAL NUMBER	PAYABLE TO	PURCHASED BY
10/18/43	\$18.75	Q297-394-875E	Miss JUDITH COPLON 2506 Avenue S, Brooklyn, New York	Same
10/18/43	18.75	Q297-394-876E	"	"
11/16/43	18.75	Q302-772-420E	"	"
12/15/43	18.75	Q329-698-690E	Miss JUDITH COPLON 178 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, New York	Same
1/19/44	75.00	C57-525-945E	"	"
2/16/44	18.75	Q370-521-625E	"	"
3/1/44	18.75	Q378-706-500E	"	"
4/1/44	18.75	Q396-082-153E	"	"
4/18/44	18.75	Q385-912-322E	"	"
6/5/44	18.75	Q432-755-211E	"	"
6/20/44	18.75	Q439-699-618E	"	"
6/20/44	18.75	Q439-699-619E	"	"
6/20/44	18.75	Q439-699-620E	"	"
6/30/44	18.75	Q439-700-457E	"	"
8/2/44	18.75	Q456-672-514E	"	"
8/22/44	18.75	Q486-456-264E	"	"
10/10/44	18.75	Q496-405-223E	"	"

The informant advised that in addition to the bonds listed above, a \$25.00 bond, Serial Q359-400-045E, was purchased by Miss JUDITH COPLON on January 31, 1944. The informant advised that he was unable to locate the original application for this bond.

The bond applications did not reflect whether the bonds were purchased by cash or by check. It will be noted that with the exception of the bonds purchased on October 18, 1943, December 15, 1943, June 30, 1944, and August 22, 1944, all bonds were purchased on days that deposits were made to the subject's account at the Seamen's Bank for Savings.

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It is also noted that the ledger sheet of the subject's savings account indicated that all deposits were made by check on the dates of bond purchases except the deposit of November 16, 1943.

Kings Highway Savings Bank
1602 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, New York

Referenced letter reflects the purchase of numerous bonds, in the name of JUDITH COPLON, at Kings Highway Savings Bank, Brooklyn, New York.

Thus far, this institution has not been contacted with reference to these bonds or to any possible accounts for subject due to the fact that J. ARTHUR SEIDMAN, father-in-law of BERTRAM COPLON, subject's brother, is Vice President of this institution. It is believed likely that information would not be furnished by this bank without a subpoena duces tecum under the present circumstances.

Other Banks

The following investigation was conducted by SA(A) JAMES P. WOOTEN. Officials of the following banks were contacted and advised that no regular checking, special checking or savings accounts were ever maintained in the name of JUDITH COPLON or JUDITH COPLIN.

Bankers Trust Company
16 Wall Street
New York, New York

Guaranty Trust Company
66 Liberty Street
New York, New York

Irving Trust Company
1 Wall Street
New York, New York

Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company
13 William Street
New York, New York

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Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company
33 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

National City Bank
55 Wall Street
New York, New York

National City Bank
Flatbush and Church Avenues
Brooklyn, New York

National City Bank
Kings Highway and East 15th Street
Brooklyn, New York

Public National Bank and Trust Company
37 Broad Street
New York, New York

Public National Bank and Trust Company
21st Avenue and 86th Street
Brooklyn, New York.

With reference to the above checked banks, it is noted that these were selected because they are the principal chain banks in New York City.

The Manufacturers Trust Company, 55 Broad Street, New York City, was checked by SA(..) McGUINN with negative results.

It is noted that the central indices of all of the above listed banks, with the exception of the Manufacturers Trust Company, do not reflect special checking or savings accounts and that in these instances the branches nearest to the known residences of the subject were contacted for such information. However, if subject maintained a special checking or savings account for a branch somewhere far from her immediate neighborhood, such an account could only be located by contacting each branch.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

Will contact Special Assistant to the Attorney General RAYMOND WHEARTY to determine if he is willing to cause the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to be directed to the Kings Highway Savings Bank, 1602 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, relative to war bond purchases of JUDITH COPLON and relative to any possible bank accounts maintained by her.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will endeavor to determine details regarding the purchase by [redacted] on May 23, 1944, of a \$1,000.00 bond with the amount of \$850.00. This purchase was made with checks of [redacted]

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the confidential informants appearing in the report of SA() JOHN A. RUEFLE, at New York, dated April 7, 1949, are as follows:

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[redacted]
[redacted] Greater New York Savings Bank,
Church and McDonald Avenues, Brooklyn,
New York.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Frederick Loeser and Company,
484 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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[redacted] Frederick
Loeser and Company.

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[redacted]
U.S. Post Office, Sheepshead Station,
New York.

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[redacted]
Bank of Manhattan Company, 40 Wall Street,
New York City.

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[redacted] Seamen's Bank
for Savings, 74 Wall Street, New York City.